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CABINET APPROVES 3 MEGA CHIP UNITS @ ₹1.26 LAKH CR OUTLAY

Construction of the units will begin within the next 100 days and the govt will provide financial aid

TATA GROUP TO SET UP 2 UNITS; CG POWER ONE

- Tata Electronics and Taiwan's Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corp will set up a unit at Dholera, Gujarat, at a cost of **₹91,000 cr**
- Tata Semiconductor Assembly and Test will set up a unit in Morigaon, Assam, at **₹27,000 cr**
- CG Power, Renesas Electronics Corp, Japan, and Stars Microelectronics, Thailand, will set up a unit in Sanand at **₹7,600 cr**

CABINET APPROVES ROOFTOP SOLAR SCHEME

Cabinet approved the rooftop solar scheme of 300 units free power for 1 cr houses with an outlay of **₹75,021 cr** for panel installation

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Hamara Sankalp **Viksit Bharat**

Economy grows at 8.4% in Q3

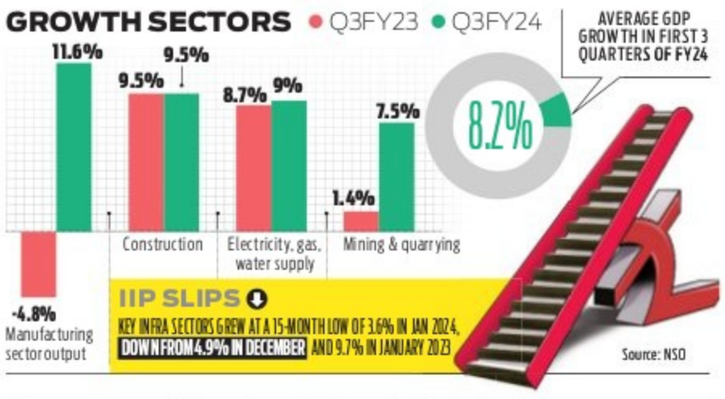
Expansion in gross value addition, however, was just 6.5% in third quarter, down from 7.7% in Q2

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE Indian economy continues to spring surprises with the GDP growing at 8.4% in the third quarter of the current financial year (FY24). The numbers released by the National Statistics Office (NSO) on Thursday beat estimates by 140-170 basis points. Buoyed by the latest data, NSO has also revised its full-year GDP growth estimates for FY24 to 7.6%, up from the initial 7.3% projection made in January.

"Robust 8.4% GDP growth in Q3 2023-24 shows the strength of Indian economy and its potential. Our efforts will continue to bring fast economic growth which shall help 140 crore Indians lead a better life and create a Viksit Bharat!" Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted.

During a media briefing, Chief Economic Adviser V Anantha Nageswaran said the robust GDP growth and India's consistent outperformance are prompting a reevaluation by international organisations to raise their estimates of India's growth rate to 7% or higher. He emphasised the economy's ability to surpass projections, indicating a structural transformation in progress, particularly in infrastructure and inclusion initiatives that enhance purchasing power.



The sparkling GDP figures, however, don't hide the sluggish sequential growth in gross value addition (GVA), which measures the total value of goods and services produced. GVA grew just 6.5% in the third quarter, lower than 7.7% in the second quarter, and 8.2% in the first quarter of FY24. GVA growth in the third quarter of FY23 stood at 4.8%.

The latest GDP growth numbers were also helped by a downward revision (from 4.7% to 4.3%) of the figures in the third quarter of the previous year. Net taxes less subsidies, which jumped by 32% annually, also boosted GDP growth in the quarter.

The slowdown in GVA growth was led by manufacturing, construction and agriculture. Manufacturing sector GVA slowed down to 11.6% in Q3 from 14.4% in Q2. Agriculture sector growth declined by 0.8% during the quarter compared with 1.6% growth in the previous quarter. Construction sector saw the growth dropping from 13.5% in Q2 to 9.5% in Q3. Mining activities also slowed down to single digit growth of 7.5%.

After 55 days on the run, TMC's muscleman Shahjahan held

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

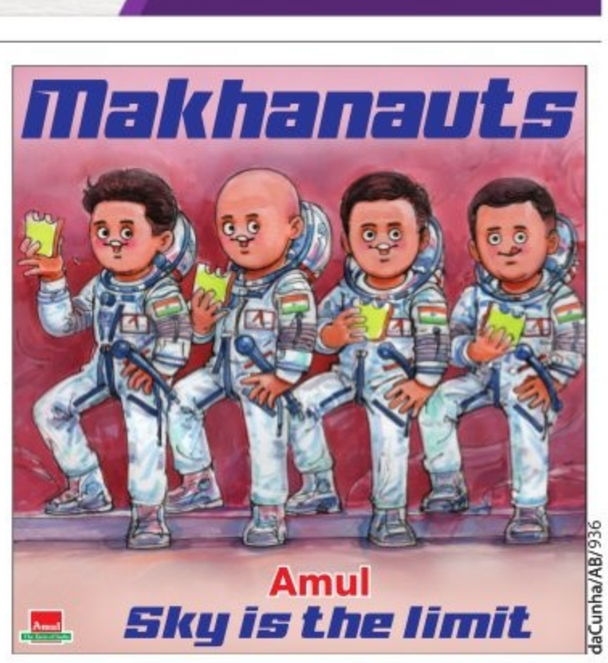
A day after the Calcutta High Court gave central agencies a free hand to go after Trinamool Congress strongman **Shahjahan Sheikh** for evading police action for 55 days, he was arrested by the state police in the wee hours of Thursday. The arrest came a day before PM Narendra Modi is to kick off his poll campaign in Bengal.

Sheikh was arrested from a hideout in Minakha, an adjoining pocket of the strife-hit Sandeshkhali, in a case related to the attack on Enforcement Directorate officers on January 5 when they went to raid his house in a foodgrain scam.

He also faces allegations of sexual abuse of women and forcible land grab in the North 24 Parganas island, Sheikh was remanded in police custody for 10 days. The state government then handed over the case to the state Criminal Investigation Department.

Shortly after the arrest, the ED moved the HC requesting advancing of a hearing scheduled on March 6 so to obviate the possibility of the state police tampering with evidence related to the attack on the federal agency. The court will hear the petition on Friday.

Later in the day, the Trinamool suspended Sheikh from the party for six years.



CREMATED

Punjab farmer Shubhkaran Singh, 21, who died during clashes with security personnel, was cremated on Thursday. There was no clarity on the farmers' Dilli Chalo march that is now on hold

SPEAKER DISQUALIFIES ALL 6 HIMACHAL REBELS AS CONG SETS ITS HOUSE IN ORDER

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Himachal Congress on Thursday sought to put its house in order with the Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania announcing the disqualification of six rebels and the party deciding to set up a panel to coordinate between the party and the government.

Two days ago, the party had spectacularly failed to keep its flock together during the Rajya Sabha elections, as six of its lawmakers cross-voted for the BJP. It led to a tie and the BJP bagged the seat in the subsequent draw of lots.

The disqualified MLAs said they would challenge the Speaker's call in a court, alleging the decision was taken in haste under pressure from Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu.

For his part, Pathania said he arrived at the decision as the chairman of the tribunal and not as Speaker. He cited a Supreme Court verdict which said when a Speaker acts under the Tenth Schedule, he does so as chairman of the tribunal.

Pathania said they had defied the whip and attracted the provisions of the anti-defection law as they were not in the House when the Finance Bill was passed.

In the morning, ex-CM Virbhadra Singh's spouse and Himachal Congress president Pratibha Singh justified the dissidence. Later she nuanced it saying the challenge now is to win the Lok Sabha elections.

Addl Chief Secretary (Urban Devpt) Rakesh Singh, with BBMP Special Commissioner (Finance) Shivanand H Kalakeri (left) and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath, in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Guidance value-based property tax could take time

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

WHILE guidance value-based property tax collection is to be implemented from April 1, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Special Commissioner (Finance), Shivanand H Kalakeri, after presenting the civic budget on Thursday, said its implementation could take time as the survey of properties was still underway and may not be completed by then.

For the guidance value-based property tax collection, all the properties in the city have to be assessed and documented.

Under the newly-proposed tax collection system, the categories to be filled in the form have reduced from 17 to six, and the Self-Assessment Scheme (SAS) evaluation will be limited to some of the categories as most of them will be auto-filled once the property number is registered — for which all the properties need to be assessed.

A few senior BBMP officials also pointed out that another factor that could delay this process is the Model Code of Conduct for the Lok Sabha polls that is expected to obstruct the property assessment process.

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A ₹12k-cr budget outlay

The BBMP on Thursday announced a Rs 12,369.46-crore budget outlay with a focus to improve the image of the state capital under 'Brand Bengaluru'.

Caste census report submitted to CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA State Commission for Backward Classes (KSCBC) Chairman K Jayaprakash Hegde submitted the much-awaited report of the Socioeconomic and Education Survey, popularly known as caste census report, to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday.

According to sources, the report has 48 volumes and the main recommendation booklet is of 200 pages, with each of the volumes possessing data on the set of different castes. The report also includes caste data based on Assembly constituencies, besides details about castes with smaller demograpies, which were not included in earlier reports. The survey was conducted on 1,351 different castes.

The sources added that as many as 5.98 crore people were included in the survey. Over 3.98 crore are from the AHINDA (minorities, Backward Classes and Dalits) group, while 1.87 crore are Lingayats, Vokkaligas, Brahmins, and other castes.

"The committee has recommended increasing the reservation quota for Scheduled Castes. It also stressed that Veerashaivas and Lingayats are the same," sources said. P4

Veerashaiva-Lingayats threaten state-wide stir

With KSCBC Chairman K Jayaprakash Hegde submitting the final caste census report to the CM, the Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha has demanded that the government not accept it. The forum warned that if the government ignored their demand, they would organise a state-wide struggle. P4

NO CHAI PE CHARCHA

Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates with Nagpur-based tea vendor Dolly Chaiwala, who is also a social media influencer. Dolly later said he did not know who Gates was when he served him tea. He quoted Gates as saying, 'Wow, Dolly ki Chai.' "We did not speak at all, he was standing just beside me and I was busy with my work," Dolly said | PTI

With new policy, ad hoardings may return in Bengaluru

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE BBMP in the 2024-25 budget announced that a new advertisement policy through the BBMP Advertisement Rules, 2024, will be promulgated. With this new policy, Bengaluru will see advertisement hoardings making a comeback after being prohibited by various legal provisions.

Explaining the policy, BBMP Special Commissioner (Finance), Shivanand H Kalakeri, said like it is in any other city, advertisement hoardings will be permitted in Bengaluru, too, but keeping in mind the court orders. "A draft has been prepared and the details are being worked out with Deputy CM and Bengaluru in-charge minister, DK Shivakumar. This will include where these will be permitted, when and their sizes," he said.

Much against the complaints from citizens and experts on visual pollution, the BBMP officials defended the act, saying it was needed, as it is a source of revenue. The BBMP in the budget has aimed at generating a revenue of Rs 500 crore annually from this, which will be used for Brand Bengaluru works. "Under the new policy, the rational, transparent and regulated system of commercial and self-advertisements will be permitted. This new policy will be on the same lines as the Advertisement Policy in New Delhi Municipal Corporation which has been approved by the Supreme Court. This will safeguard the aesthetics and visual spaces in the City," BBMP stated in its budget announced Thursday. P2

TUNDA
acquitted in blast case

A special court in Ajmer on Thursday acquitted Abdul Karim Tunda in the 1993 serial train blasts case, with his lawyer saying that the prosecution could not prove the charges | P10

Father slams crying baby on wall, kills her

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Hubballi

ANGERED by his daughter's incessant crying, a man threw the seven-month-old infant against a wall on Wednesday night, in Yadwad village of Dharwad district. Vaishanavi succumbed to injuries on Thursday at KIMS Hospital in Hubballi.

The accused, Shambulinga Shahapurmath (37), who was arrested soon after the incident, was booked for murder. He reportedly confessed before police officials that he was unhappy with his daughter's birth. The couple have a son, and Vaishanavi was his second child.

Shambulinga, a daily wage labourer, would quarrel frequently with his wife and had reportedly beaten her up too, the woman's relatives said. He had tried to harm Vaishnavi by threatening to pour hot water on her. The villagers had held a panchayat to solve the issue, but to no avail. Police said he was an alcoholic.

Shambulinga had gone to bed after having dinner on Wednesday night. He was woken up around 10.30pm when Vaishnavi started crying. According to his wife, soon after he woke up he started hurling abuse at the infant and banged her against the wall.

Neighbours rushed to Shambulinga's house and caught him, and called the police. A police team from Garag arrived and villagers handed him over. The baby, who suffered blood clotting in the brain, was taken to KIMS Hospital.

The accused was booked for attempted murder (IPC 307) on Wednesday night, which was converted to murder (IPC 302) on Thursday afternoon, after the infant died around 12.30pm. The funeral was held at Yadwad village on Thursday evening.

EXPRESS READ

Deadline for Kannada signage rule extended

Bengaluru: The state government on Thursday extended, by two weeks, the deadline for business establishments in Karnataka to comply with the Kannada signage rules, whereby information in the state language should be displayed on 60 per cent of the space on nameplates and boards. The decision was taken so that the order is duly followed, DCM DK Shivakumar said, through a post on X | P5

BIFFes kicks off

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurated the 15th edition of the Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes) on Thursday. Over 180 movies will be screened across the eight-day festival | P3

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Moonrise 11.30 pm
Moonset 10.49 am

• BBMP budget focuses on Brand Bengaluru • Traffic congestion, flooding to be addressed • More Indira Canteens • Night shelter, day care centre

IMAGE MAKEOVER FOR CITY, OUTLAY ₹ 12,369.46 CRORE

WHAT'S IN THE BROWN BAG

- ₹450 cr for works in 225 wards; ₹1.25cr for each ward
- ₹15 lakh for pothole filling, ₹25 lakh for footpath maintenance
- SWM system to be implemented in Ramanashree Layout, Begur, for one year
- ₹10 cr worth works to be taken up under Bengaluru's Climate Action and Resilience Plan
- ₹10 cr for 100 new 'She Toilets'
- 'Pink rooms' to be set up in malls, bus stations, toilets for making sanitary napkins and restrooms available for menstruating women
- ₹70 cr for 50 new Indira Canteens, one at international airport
- ₹15 cr for construction and upgradation of burial grounds
- ₹10 cr for 3 new scientific animal birth control centres, 2 modern slaughterhouses, 4 animal waste disposal plants
- DPR being prepared to set up BBMP medical college on lines of Greater Mumbai model
- ₹100 cr allocated to illuminate flyovers, underbridges, junctions and parks with colourful lights
- BBMP to organise Techthon by June 5, inviting startups, innovators to present climate/ sustainability solutions
- ₹350 cr for skydeck in Bengaluru
- ₹35 cr for Green Bengaluru
- ₹5 cr to recharge, rejuvenate borewells
- ₹6000 cr earnings from Transfer of Development Rights/ Development Rights Certificate
- 16,000 pourkarmikas to be recruited
- ₹135 crore allocated under 15th Finance Commission's Clean Air scheme, 45km pedestrian walkway to be laid
- ₹10cr for e-libraries, information tech lab, digital library, computer lab
- ₹173 cr for 41 new and renovated schools and college buildings
- ₹50 cr grant to Kempegowda Development Authority; Kempegowda Bhavan to be constructed in Vijayanagar constituency

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Thursday announced a Rs 12,369.46 crore budget outlay with the prime focus on improving the image of the state capital under Brand Bengaluru (BB).

Presenting the budget, BBMP Special Commissioner (Finance) Shivanand H Kalakeri said it was a revenue surplus budget of Rs 2.17 crore.

The budget outlay for this fiscal is Rs 484 crore more than that of last year. In 2023-24, BBMP had presented a budget of Rs 11,163 crore, revised in the state budget to Rs 11,885 crore.

Emulating the state budget's cover page, the BBMP budget's first page too had the Preamble of the Indian Constitution.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath said that the city's image is being improved under BB and the whole concept of the budget is to improve the city focusing on eight sectors — traffic, cleanliness, health, education, tech, water security, and vibrancy.

Girinath told reporters that Rs 1,580 crore has been set aside for improving BBMP and all expenses for it would be made through an escrow account. This will be obtained from the new advertisement policy, and premium floor area ratio (FAR), among others. Another Rs 1,580 crore has been set aside for civic works, which will be earned from the BBMP bills. Also, Rs 500 crore will be granted from the 15th Finance Commission and Rs 3,000 crore from the state budget for BB.

Keeping in line with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's state budget announcement, the BBMP budget listed identifying 50-100 acres of land in four directions of the city for integrated waste management, besides management of heritage waste through bio-remediation at the Bellahalli unit.

Stress has also been laid on decentralisation of biomethanisation units and the construction of Material Recovery Facility. BBMP announced an allocation of Rs 1,000 crore to Bangalore Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML), Rs 100 crore less than last year.

Explaining the percentage of implementation of the previous budget (2023-24), Girinath said that works worth Rs 9,651 crore had been implemented, which came to about 80% of the budget.

Property tax target ₹6K cr

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THE process would require a large number of officials and staff deployed for the election duties. However, officially, the guidance value-based property tax will be implemented from April 1. BBMP Chief Commissioner, Tushar Girinath said, "Guidance value-based property tax collection will come into effect from April 1. It has been done in other cities.

Also, additional Rs 1,100 crore will be generated from Khata regularisation." He said the target for property tax collection is set at Rs 6,000 crore this fiscal, and expressed confidence of it being achieved as citizens were offered a one-time settlement option with a reduced penalty, and time given till July 31 with interest waived off as a one-time measure. Through this, the BBMP aims to earn Rs 2,500 crore. Besides, the implementation of Premium Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is aimed at earning Rs 1,709 crore more.

Tunnel road projects to solve traffic woes

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@ Bengaluru

INTENDING to provide a long-term solution to the city's infamous traffic congestion, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) budget presented on Thursday announced the construction of tunnel roads in two places with high vehicular movement and congestion.

An expert project consultant has already been given the mandate to submit the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for various road projects, including the Urban Tunnel Project at two places of heavy traffic congestion, said Shivanand H Kalakeri, Special Commissioner (Finance) while presenting the budget. A seed money of Rs 200 crore is provided in the budget for the same, he added.

Roads from Kanakapura Main Road to Bannerghatta Main Road and Hennur to Bagalur connecting Bengaluru airport will be developed and widened.

Namma Metro works are currently being undertaken in high-density corridors and will possibly increase vehicular density. Namma Metro, BBMP, and K-RIDE will jointly plan to build an 'Integrated Metro and Road Flyover (double-decker road)'. Initially, BBMP will provide Rs 100 cr for this
Shivanand H Kalakeri, Special Commissioner (Finance)

The narrow road of Padarayanapura area falling under the Chamarajpet Assembly constituency will be widened. For the above works, Rs 130 crore is provided in the budget. "Land will be acquired and developed on a TDR basis to build alternate routes to KIA from Bellary Road (Sadahalli Gate) via Beguru and another road from Satanur Meesaganahalli," Kalakeri said.

Under the 15th Finance Commission's "Clean Air" scheme for which Rs 135 crore has been provided in the BBMP budget for 2024-25, 45-km long pedestrian-friendly walkways will be built to achieve last-mile connectivity.

The official further said that as the infrastructure of the city has come under severe stress, the buffer area of the stormwater drains (rajakaluve) on the outskirts of the city has been acquired on a TDR basis, and road lanes for light vehicular traffic and cycle lanes on both sides of the rajakaluve will be constructed for 300km at Rs 600 crore over three years.

To prevent flooding, a proposal has been submitted to the Union Government for the National Disaster Mitigation Fund for the reconstruction of narrow rajakaluve and old bridges, which is expected to receive a grant of Rs 250 crore, he added. About 145 km long, white topping of roads will be undertaken for two years with the State Government grants of Rs 800 crore and internal resources of BBMP of Rs 900 crore. In the budget, Rs 300 crore is provided, he said.

Daycare centre for specially-abled kids; transgenders to get night shelter

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE budget presented by the BBMP announced the setting up of a daycare centre for specially-abled children with a grant of Rs 1 crore in Pobbatthi Maternity Hospital in the Palike's South Zone. Apart from this, old age homes and shelter homes for transgenders will also be set up.

There is a plan to open eight old age homes and Rs 4 crore has been allocated this year for opening Shravana Vasathi old age homes in collaboration with registered voluntary organisations in rented premises, Shivanand H Kalakeri, Special Commissioner (Finance), who presented the budget, said.

"A night shelter for the benefit of transgenders is being planned to be constructed apart from renovation and maintenance of existing 48 night shelters. For which a sum of Rs 4 crore is allocated in this budget," Kalakeri said.

For efficient healthcare service delivery for citizens of the city, the budget announced the setting up of 'Bengaluru Health System' for the administrative and financial supervision of up to primary and maternal healthcare facilities in the jurisdiction of BBMP.

"BBMP will take over all the primary health care facilities, while the secondary and tertiary health care facilities shall be handed over to the Department of Health and Family Welfare. BBMP will handle 144 UPHCs, 225 Namma Clinics, 27 Maternity homes, and 7 first Referral Units catering to Primary Health Care services. Budgetary allocation of Rs 20 crore is made for the year," Kalakeri said. A fund of Rs 200 crore has been set aside to upgrade healthcare facilities in the city.

Responding to the growing brain health concerns arising out of various social issues, the budget announced 'MANOBIMBA' initiative to respond to growing brain health concerns. "It will be a YouTube channel which will take the shape of a periodic, six interactive platform hosted on social media platforms run by our in-house team of doctors and with the help of willing field experts," Kalakeri said.

50 NEW INDIRA CANTEENS

Along with setting up of an Indira Canteen at KIA, 50 new Indira Canteens will be opened and Rs 70 crore has been set aside in the budget. Construction of new burial grounds and crematoriums will be undertaken and upgradation of existing burial grounds and crematoriums will also be done at Rs 15 crore. To control the population of street dogs, three new scientific animal birth control centres will be established. To meet the demand for hygienic meat, BBMP plans to establish two modern slaughterhouses. To address the concern of animal waste generated daily four rendering plants will be established. A total of Rs 10 crore has been allocated, Kalakeri said. For the welfare of women, SCs, STs, backward minorities, and transgenders, they will be provided financial assistance to purchase 250 electric passenger and goods autos. Electric two-wheelers will be provided to working women and pourakarmikas at Rs 12 crore, he said.

'Best practices of metros to be studied'

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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath said the models and policies of Mumbai, Hyderabad and other places have been studied and the best practices will be adopted.

The policy of Bengaluru will be different and unique. No large boards that were prohibited by the courts will be allowed. The dimensions of the boards are being worked out.

Experts, working with the BBMP under Brand Bengaluru, however said this was not discussed. If this is done, then the entire city will become an eyesore.

Despite the ban, political flexes and banners are seen everywhere, and this new policy will again lead to arm-twisting and the old problems will crop up again, they contested.

In the budget, BBMP said the new policy will include online application and issuance of advertisement licences, online payment of advertisement dues, mobile app-based enforcement and online system of timely approvals of the advertisements.

"The whole Advertisement system in the BBMP will be brought on a fair transparent and vibrant system that serves the needs of all stakeholders," Girinath said.

It is highly disturbing that officials are presenting BBMP budget for the 4th successful year in the absence of an elected council in a blatant violation of the Constitution. Arbitrary notifications have been issued making guidance value the basis for calculating property tax
- Kathyayini Chamaraj, Urban civic activist

What this city desperately requires is planned development, yet money is spent on ad hoc projects, without a masterplan. The Metropolitan Planning Committee is not empowered... Everything that is done falls apart due to poor governance...
- Sandeep Anirudhan, Civic activist

Hiring 16K pourakarmikas, pensions and monetary awards, and electric two-wheelers for sanitation workers, women's toilets, seed money for transgender entrepreneurs, housing subsidies, and investment in Indira Canteens, are all positive steps.
- Tara Krishnaswamy, Political consultant and active citizen

Its nice to see allocations for night shelters, Indira Canteens, old-age homes, all of which deserve more attention and funds. Ward level allocations continue, but without BBMP polls and ward committees in action, there is no transparency or accountability with respect to these funds.
- Srinivas Alavilli, Civic activist

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

01st March: Mars makes the most of its passage through the celestial spheres, but what this does indicate is increased impatience, and that will affect all of us, no matter what our signs. That can be helpful, although I must say that, the more time we spend thinking about the future, the more likely we are to make the right decisions.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Life is full of surprises, but it all depends on how you deal with them. Sometimes you can be too brash and insensitive. However, over the next few weeks you can probably get away with being outspoken and even argumentative. Don't forget to follow your own advice!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Mercury has now withdrawn from its one relationship with your sign, only to replace it with another, so a great deal of what has been said in haste or anger may now be considered no more than water under the bridge. There's no use in dwelling on the past.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Venus, a planet with a critical and benevolent role in your affairs, is now coming to your aid, which means that, personally and professionally, you have too much going for you to be side tracked by people who don't understand you. You might even end up making a profit.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
An emotional tie or attachment may now be reconsidered. The point is that important planetary pressures have been lifted, which means that you may take a fresh look at all current relationships. If anything seems to be bothering you, it's that a partner's sincerity is open to doubt. Give them time to explain themselves.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Just to look at the minus points in what is otherwise a very positive situation, I am concerned that you might become too selfish and demanding emotionally. This will not serve your cause, so watch it! You'd do better to start by asking partners what they want.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Those of you chasing professional success should feel confident that, even if applications don't succeed, they all represent vital steps on the path, or rungs on the ladder, if you prefer. You'll be keeping your romantic secrets, perhaps because you sense that someone is not ready to hear what you have to say.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
It's time to give a special message to all you artistic and creative types, whatever your particular forte: this is no time for wild self-expression, but rather for practical skills and traditional disciplines. You'll never make a dream come true unless you work at it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
What other people often fail to realise is that you can be extremely good at building up a shrewd grasp of the facts, a quality which means that you are about to experience certain very important advantages in the financial arena. Stick to your guns.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
An entire group of planets is now encouraging you to go forth and multiply, metaphorically speaking of course! Spread yourself as widely as possible and let the whole world share in your hope and faith in the future. Traditional values will sustain your vision of a better world.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
When it comes to long-term finances, timing is of the essence. Do not be tempted to follow get-rich-quick schemes. The lure of instant winnings may be nothing more than an illusion, so be patient. When a loved one comes to you with a spending plan, tell them to think again!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
To those who know you, you are often an exciting person to be around, encouraging change in all things, even though your actions are often very helpful and positive. However, it may now be your turn to stick to the past and hang on to what you know best.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Much depends on how you handle discussions with people at home. If something seems to be unsaid, be the first to bring it into the open. Powerful planetary relationships will help you accomplish most practical tasks, perhaps because they give you the determination to win through.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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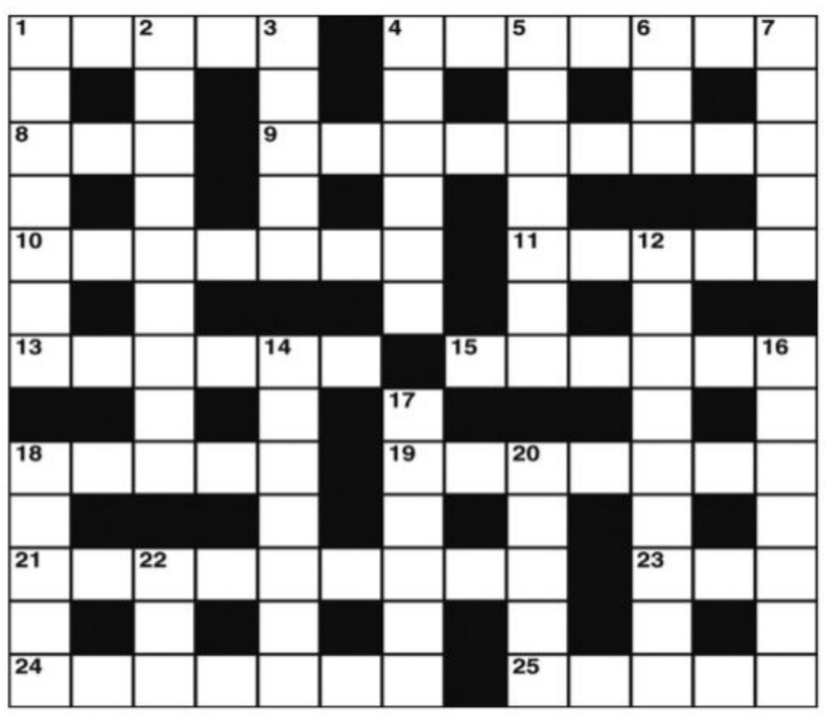

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Having lots of money - from a poker hand? (5)
4 Archbishop adds the end of the script for the playwright (7)
8 Bend makes car crash (3)
9 It is placed in a challenging position (6,3)
10 Personal line of condolence (7)
11 It may be laid and planned to encourage (3,2)
13 Water on time (6)
15 Corset-making company (6)
18 So-called friendly place has got an upheaval (5)
19 Bright red name-tag perhaps (7)
21 Free of duty? (2,7)
23 Well directed it may finish off the game (3)
24 Opposed to profit in a way (7)
25 Celebrated reply to unlucky Edward's proposal (5)

DOWN
1 The man is after Swiss currency (7)
2 Indefinite truce in an engagement (9)
3 Hates having to change in a hurry (5)
4 Grouped together and tucked into bed (6)
5 Controls the market at street junctions (7)
6 Fall in the sea (3)
7 Tinned beef in this form will poison you (5)
12 No way presumably to greet the day (4,5)
14 Speech goes on about proportional representation (7)
16 One should be in entering a new trade (7)
17 Come to a hill (6)
18 The initial aria is composed for crowning glory (5)
20 A shade inexperienced (5)
22 A field in the Middle Ages (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Interested, 8 Games, 9 Seamist, 10 Oddment, 11 Swell, 12 Hectic, 14 Static, 17 Amigo, 19 Charity, 21 Teatime, 22 Unite, 23 Eight bells.

Down: 2 Nomadic, 3 Ensue, 4 Ersatz, 5 Transit, 6 Drive, 7 Italic type, 8 Goodhealth, 13 Ironing, 15 Trivial, 16 Accent, 18 Image, 20 Amuse.

JUMBLE UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

HRWIL

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RBFEEO

We train hard to be the best at our jobs.
You all deserve every penny I pay you!
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THEY EARNED A LIVING AS TIGHTROPE WALKERS WHICH WAS A DANGEROUS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: _____ _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: COUCH BERET KERNEL PLACID
Answer: The fancy walnuts were expensive and not all that they were — CRACKED UP TO BE

A 28-year-old man died after coming under the wheels of a BMTC bus on Thursday afternoon. The police said that the accident took place at Hosmat Junction, when the deceased, Debasheesh Behra, who was employed at a private firm, was heading to work around 12.30 pm

BIFFes OPENS, 180+ FILMS A TREAT FOR MOVIE BUFFS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, along with members of Kannada showbiz, including actors Shiva Rajkumar, Aradhana Ram and Daali Dhananjay, and other dignitaries, at the inauguration of the 15th edition of the Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes) on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

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CELEBRATING nine decades of the Kannada film industry and marking the inaugural ceremony of the film festival, the front porch of Vidhana Soudha on Thursday echoed a melodious filmy tune with three-time Grammy award winner Rick Kej and his band delivering a phenomenal performance, leaving the audience mesmerised.

Post the concert, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the presence of several dignitaries from the entertainment industry and different walks of life inaugurated the 15th edition of the Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes). During the ceremony, he emphasised that the government will provide all the necessary assistance for the industry and especially for movies promoting the values of Dr BR Ambedkar.

"International films help us to know the world culture, and act as a catalyst in making the society more humane and acceptable. Cinema is a very influential medium and has the power to influence the viewer's mind and thoughts," the CM added.

Siddaramaiah also emphasised that film awards have not been given since 2019, the select committee formed by the government will select the best movies from all those years and announce the winners when the committee submits its report.

The Kej-led band on Thursday also sang a melody of all the famous compositions, marking 90 years of Kannada cinema, and 50th anniversary of renaming of the state to Karnataka. Taking that into consideration, this year a special focus has been given to Kannada films. A total of 30 Kannada films have been curated, of which, 11 have been selected under the Popular Entertainment category.

The 8-day film festival began with the screening of the Swiss comedy 'Bonjour Switzerland' directed by Peter Luisi. More than 180 films across various categories will be screened at PVR Orion in Rajajinagar, Suchitra Academy, and Dr Rajkumar Bhavana. The festival will continue until March 7.

Actor Shiva Rajkumar, Katera movie actress Aaradhna, international film festival ambassador and actor Daali Dhananjay, well-known film director Jabbar Patel and several participants and juries from other countries were also present for the inauguration.

164th SLBC meeting held at Soudha

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THE 164th State Level Banker's Commitee (SLBC) meeting was recently held at Vidhana Soudha.

The meeting was co-chaired by Shalini Rajneesh, Additional Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner, P N Raghunath, Chief General Manager of Reserve Bank of India, Sunanda Batra, General Manager, FIDD, Reserve Bank of India, T Ramesh, Chief General Manager - NABARD, M Bhaskara Chakravarthy, SLBC Convenor & GM, Canara Bank.

State controlling heads of all banks and also attended the meeting. Shalini Rajneesh advised all the line departments and bankers to cover those all eligible under PMJJBY and PMSBY schemes. She also appreciated the bankers for achieving CD ratio of 79.72 per cent during the third quarter.

The additional chief secretary also informed that the achievement as on 31.12.2023, under ACP has been very successful, and is 75.69 per cent under agriculture, of the annual target, under total credit it is 84.47 per cent, and total priority sector is 72.95 per cent. She complemented all the bankers for a good performance. But at the same time the performance for priority education was only 22.06 per cent and priority housing was 18.56 per cent she said and urged the bankers to achieve the set targets under all parameters.

BBMP gets directions on property tax self-assessment

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THE Karnataka High Court issued directions to the Chief Commissioner of BBMP to be followed while reopening self-assessment property tax returns and cases of random scrutiny, under Section 144 of the BBMP Act.

The directions are about inspection and survey of a building by the chief commissioner or authorised officer after giving notice to property owners, and penalties to be imposed in case of evasion of tax, etc.

Justice S Sunil Dutt Yadav issued directions in the light of numerous petitions filed, questioning the procedure followed by BBMP while reopening self-assessment returns. Disposing of the petition filed by Shariff Constructions, seeking directions to remove the seal on the office premises and quashing of the notice dated November 27, 2023, the court said the need has arisen to lay down the procedure to be followed in cases of reopening self-assessment where returns are not filed, and in cases of random scrutiny.

Pointing out that BBMP was issuing demand notices without prior notice to property owners for conducting spot inspections, the court said it is also seen that in many matters, the petitioner property owners have challenged the validity of the standard operating procedure (SOP) as being violative of the statutory scheme.

Wherever the SOP is contrary to the statutory scheme, BBMP is to take appropriate steps to have the SOP amended, to bring it in consonance with the scheme, the court said.

UP Warriorz skipper Alyssa Healy stops Madhu, as he runs across the pitch, during the WPL match at M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

Man detained for invading pitch during WPL match

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A 21-year-old man has been detained by the Cubbon Park police for trespassing onto the field during the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2024 match between UP Warriorz and Mumbai Indians on Wednesday. The intruder, identified as Madhu, is employed as a gardener at Century Club.

Madhu, one of the spectators, breached the boundary fence around the field at M Chinnaswamy Stadium, as he reportedly did not like how the match was progressing. UP Warriorz Captain Alyssa Healy intervened during the game and stopped Madhu, as he tried to sprint across the field. The game was temporarily paused, until security personnel removed him from the field, a police officer said.

The police added that Madhu breached the pitch, immediately following the second-last ball of the Mumbai Indians' innings, right after Anjali Sarvani of UP Warriorz took the wicket of Mumbai Indians batter Sajeevan Sajana.

EXPRESS READ

Six arrseted for Mental Manja's murder

Bengaluru: Six suspects have been arrested by the Anekal police in connection with the murder of rowdy sheeter Manjunath Reddy alias Mental Manja, who was killed in Weavers Colony on the outskirts of Bengaluru, on February 23. The police said that the accused have been identified as Vijay alias Tattoo Viji, Shekhar, Gautam, Madhu, Kiran, and Akshay, all residents of Anekal, aged between 25 and 30. The police said that about six months earlier, a woman known to Viji had registered an assault case against Mental Manja, who was working as a school bus driver on contract basis. On the day of the murder, Mental Manja called Tattoo Viji and threatened him against appearing in court as a witness. Following a heated argument over the phone, Manja and his accomplices proceeded to Viji's residence to confront him. The situation escalated, when they assaulted Viji and pursued him. This prompted Shekhar, Viji's friend, to intervene against Manja and his accomplices. During the altercation, Viji, Shekhar, and the other accused stabbed Manja with a machete.

Over 2-hour full-scale emergency drill at KIA

Bengaluru: The Kempegowda International Airport held a full-scale emergency exercise for over two hours, on Thursday. The drill simulated a scenario involving the crash landing of an aircraft. From the pilot's distress call to the establishment of a green corridor, the exercise simulated a realistic emergency response, including ambulance transport to hospitals and the retrieval of flight recorders, enhancing the airport's preparedness for emergencies. The mock exercise featured a lifelike simulation with an authentic aircraft and 162 dummy passengers and eight cabin crew. It began with the simulation of a airliner catching fire during its final approach for landing. Prompt action from the Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting team extinguished the fire to assess the effectiveness of firefighting systems. Subsequently, the ARFF team, along with CISF, executed the rescue operation and swiftly transported those in need of hospitalisation to city hospitals. Additionally, a real-time airlifting drill was executed, with IAF helicopters transporting eight casualties to the IAF command hospital.

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HUMANITARIAN AWARD-2023

Bill Gates Receives the Prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award 2023

Leading global philanthropist, Mr. Bill Gates, co-founder of Microsoft and co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation was honored with the KISS Humanitarian Award 2023 in a significant recognition of his philanthropic work. The ceremony took place on February 28, 2024, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, acknowledging Mr. Gates for his unparalleled contributions to enhancing global health, and education, and addressing climate change through innovative technology solutions aimed at reducing inequality.

The award ceremony featured virtual participation from the staff and students of KIIT and KISS, along with alumni. A notable moment from the event was Mr. Gates's engagement in a meaningful conversation on gender equality, prompted by a question from a KISS alumna.

Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT, KISS & KIMS said, "Awarding Bill Gates with the KISS Humanitarian Award not only honors his exceptional contributions but also elevates the prestige of this recognition. His acceptance sets a new benchmark for humanitarian work globally. It is a profound honor for us that Bill Gates is joining the esteemed roster of our awardees."

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Gates expressed deep gratitude for the recognition and reflected on the transformative work of Dr. Samanta and KISS. "Thank you so much for this wonderful award, and for welcoming me here. Though I should be the one congratulating you on all you have accomplished," said Mr. Gates. He lauded Dr. Samanta's vision and dedication to providing quality education to indigenous communities and highlighted the importance of civic engagement and a community-first approach to education.

Initiated in 2008 by Prof. Achyuta Samanta, the KISS Humanitarian Award is the highest honour of KIIT and KISS dedicated to recognizing individuals and organizations that embody the spirit of humanitarian work worldwide. The award consists of a citation scroll and a gold-plated trophy that depicts a great social message given at a public function at KISS. The gold-plated trophy embodies a golden heart of a humanitarian with the virtues of purity, kindness, prosperity, and hope. It features a pair of hands uplifting a heart, which is textured with shapes resembling waving hands that symbolize how a pair of dedicated hands can make a significant difference in the lives of the helpless and make the world a better place to live in. Previous recipients of this prestigious award include a diverse group of global leaders, Nobel laureates, and notable figures from various sectors, showcasing the award's broad international appeal and respect.

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Among others, Minister Counsellor Graham Mayer, US Embassy New Delhi; Frank Talluto, Political Officer Hyderabad; Ananth Sukesh, Political Advisor, US Embassy New Delhi and Srimali Kari, Political Specialist US Consulate Hyderabad were present on the occasion.

Some of the notable recipients are Madam Edna Bomo Molewa, former premier of the North-western state of South Africa Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Ham-Kee-Sun, President of Hanseo University, an outstanding Ophthalmologist of South Korea, Mr. Anerood Jugnauth, President of the Republic of Mauritius, Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Nicholas Addison Phillips, President of the Supreme Court of the UK, Lyonchhen Jigmiy Thinley, Prime Minister of Bhutan, Madam Albina Du Boisrouvray, Founder FXB International, Switzerland, His Holiness Dalai Lama, Spiritual Leader and Nobel Peace Laureate 2005, Prof Muhammad Yunus, Founder, Grameen Bank, Bangladesh and Nobel Peace Laureate, Mr. Dansa Kourouma, President of the National Transition Council of Guinea and Mama Rachel Ruto, the first lady of Republic of Kenya

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WALK-IN INTERVIEW NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for hiring the following posts on Consultancy Contract basis for 01 year and extendable based on performance.

1) Project Manager - 1 Post
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3) Asst. Programmer - 2 Posts
4) Software Developer - 10 Posts
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The job description of the post, qualifications, application form and experience required will be made available on website **www.mrc.gov.in** from **01.03.2024.** Interested qualified candidates may download the applications (in the prescribed format). Candidates should be present along with the filled application format and required original documents and one set of Xerox copies at the office of **"Karnataka Municipal Data Society", #1-4, 6th Floor, IT Park, Rajajinagar Industrial Estate, Bangalore-560010 on 07.03.2024 by 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM** (Further any communication related to recruitment / any other information will be announced in website **www.mrc.gov.in**)

Sd/- Additional Secretary
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TENDER CALL NOTICE

KK-423: Sealed tenders are invited in **single bid form (Price & Technical bids together)** from original manufacturers/authorized dealers for the supply of instruments/equipments for the **Dept. of Mechanical Engineering"**, VSSUT, Burla, Sambalpur, Odisha. The tenders shall reach the office of the undersigned through **Speed/Registered** post only **on or before 27.03.2024 upto 5.00PM.** For more details, please visit our university website www.vssut.ac.in. The authority the reserve right to accept or reject all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]

NOTICE TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Rayarapalya Kasaba Branch,** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2)of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on below mentioned date, calling upon the following borrower/s/ Guarantor/s to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrowers: 1. **Kavitha K C** (Joint And First), W/o Ananda G, Agalakuppe Road Muniraju Layout, Sompura Bangalore Rural, Dabaspet-562111. **2. Ananda G** (Joint And Other), S/o Late Gangahanumaiah, Ananda G Warehouse, Annapoorneswari Layout, Agalakuppe Road, Dabaspet -562111.

Schedule A:

Sl. No	Loan Number	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount
1	5454619000022	Housing Loan	09.02.2021	Rs.32,00,000/-

Total Liabilities as on 19.02.2024 : **Rs. 32,71,582.18** (Rupees Thirty two lakhs seventy one thousand five hundred and eighty two rupees eighteen paise Only) + further interest and incidental expenses and costs.
Details of Security Assets :Schedule of Property as per mortgage deed : All that piece and parcel of property in site number 106 Sy No 106 and 112, Khatha No 1121/1130/106, E swathu No 150300701600901338 measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South (49+52)/2 feet Total measuring 1515 Sq Feet situated at Sompura Grama, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore rural, Bounded on: East-Site No 105, West-Site No 107, North-Site No 101,South-Road
Name of the Title holder: Kavitha K C
Date of NPA: 17.02.2024 **Demand Notice Date:19.02.2024**

The above borrowers committed default of repayment of loans as above and the loans are duly secured by way of mortgage of property described as above and were classified as Non Performing Assets on various dates mentioned as above. The Bank issued Registered notice to all the above borrower/Guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act) calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount. We now call upon to pay the above mentioned liability with further interest and cost accrued till date within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which, Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as per Section 13(4) (a) to (b) of SARFAESI act 2002 against the secured assets given in the schedule above. The above borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above properties and restrained from dealing in term of Section 13 (13) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the accounts mentioned above with further interest and cost, expenses thereon.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 19.02.2024

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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On behalf of Roads and Bridges Development Corporation of Kerala Limited, its Managing Director invites bids under two bid systems (1. Pre-qualification Bid & Technical Bid 2. Price Bid) for Engaging Consultant for Preparation of DPR for 36 Road Over Bridge across Kerala Package A/ B/ C.

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike on Thursday announced a Rs 12,369.46 crore budget outlay with the prime focus on improving the image of the state capital under Brand Bengaluru

CENTRE UNFAIR, BJP MPs MUM, SAYS CM IN DEFENCE OF BUDGET

Gives comparative statistics on tax outgo and Central fund share

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SLAMMING the Union government for not giving what's due to the State, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that instead of raising their voice for seven crore Kannadigas who are facing injustice in getting their share, BJP MPs are taking the Centre's side.

He defended his budget and said there is an increase in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and the state government is taking up development works along with fulfilling guarantee schemes.

He said Karnataka gives Rs 1.4 lakh crore as tax to the Central government. "But if we pay Rs 100 as tax, we are getting only Rs 12 in return. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who is elected from here, does not give our share. Instead of asking for our rights, BJP members are taking their side, this is such a shame," he said.

He explained that Karnataka saw a reduction of 4.7 per cent in funds under the 14th Finance Commission, and 3.64 per cent under the 15th Finance Commission, which was further decreased to 1.07 per cent. Karnataka records the second highest tax collection in the country but is treated unfairly, he added.

Explaining the discrimination, Siddaramaiah said if Karnataka's share is 78 per cent, the Centre's share is 22 per cent. "In Uttar Pradesh, 48 per cent is state share and remaining comes from Centre. Why such discrimination? The Union government has developed more roads and railway lines for other states compared to Karnataka," he said.

Speaking in the Assembly, CM Siddaramaiah said BJP and JDS leaders who took part in the discussion on the budget only gave speeches in praise of the Union government. The State is not just facing injustice in getting grants compared to other states, but also in terms of roads, railway and other works.

The CM said his budget size was Rs 3,71,343 crore. "Our budget and GDP have increased, compared to budgets presented by former CM Basavaraj Bommai. The GDP for this year is also estimated to increase, yet opposition parties are alleging that there is no development," he said.

He pointed out that Rs 1.2 lakh crore has been earmarked for development programmes, of which Rs 52,009 crore is set aside for guarantee schemes. Revenue expenditure is Rs 2,90,531 crore and Capital expenditure is Rs 55,877 crore. "This is proof that we have prioritised development," he added.

The CM also slammed the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, saying the leaders never took part in the freedom struggle. When BJP members raised the Pakistan slogan issue, he said they don't need to learn patriotism from the BJP.

"It is BJP which is dividing the country and society in the name of religion," he said. He also said that BJP members are creating a ruckus in the House because two party MLAs did not vote for their candidates.

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> - **Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister**

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah makes a point in the House on Thursday

ASSEMBLY PASSES SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES OF OVER ₹4K CR

The Assembly on Thursday passed the second and final installment of supplementary estimates of Rs 4,078.64 crore for 2023-24. It was tabled by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who also hold finance portfolio. The estimates include Rs 63.21 crore for agriculture and horticulture departments, which will likely be used to pay compensation to drought-hit farmers. According to the supplementary estimates, animal husbandry and fisheries will get Rs 8.4 crore and Rs 1.7 crore, respectively; finance department Rs 3 crore and Rs 50 lakh; home and transport Rs 40 crore; rural development and panchayat raj Rs 15.53 crore and Rs 8 crore; forest, ecology and environment Rs 7.64 crore; cooperation Rs 13.13 crore; social welfare Rs 37.34 crore and women and child development Rs 23.711 crore. Information, tourism and youth services will get Rs 37.91 crore and Rs 2.3 crore, Information Technology Rs 1.8 crore and education Rs 3.08 crore. **ENS**

LAST SESSION FOR 16 MLCS

This budget session will be the last for 16 MLCs, who will retire in June this year. On Thursday, many of them shared their experiences about their political career, especially in the House. Some are confident of returning back to the Upper House as their respective parties are likely to give them the opportunity again. The legislators who will retire from the Legislative Assembly constituency are : Raghunath Rao Malkapure, K Govindaraj, Aravind Kumar Arali, Tejaswini Gowda, KP Nanjundi Vishwakarma, BM Farooq, N Ravi Kumar, S Rudregowda, K Harish Kumar, Muniraju Gowda PM and NS Boseraju. From the Graduates' constituency, A Devegowda and Chandrashekar B Patil will retire. From Teachers' constituency, Marithibbe Gowda, Y A Narayanaswamy and S L Bojegowda. **ENS**

Finance Bill passed in both Houses amid pandemonium

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THE Finance Bill was passed amid a din in both Houses of legislature on Thursday, with BJP members creating an uproar over the alleged 'Pakistan Zindabad' slogan, when Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was replying to the budget discussion. The supporters of newly-elected Congress Rajya Sabha member Syed Naseer Hussain allegedly raising anti-national slogans in the corridors of Vidhana Soudha on Tuesday, rocked the Legislative Council as BJP members interrupted the CM, who came to the Upper House to reply on the budget discussion.

As soon as Chairman Basavaraj Horatti asked the CM to reply to the budget speech, Opposition leader Kota Shrinivas Poojari raised the sloganeering issue, stating that Vidhana Soudha was the strength of seven crore Kannadigas, and the incident had created fear in their minds. He demanded that the CM update the House on how the incident happened and action taken. The Chairman intervened and said the CM was there to reply to the budget speech, and the Home Minister would inform the House about the case later. But BJP members did not budge and raised slogans against the government.

Amidst the chaos, CM Siddaramaiah spoke on several programmes in the budget for the development of seven crore Kannadigas, and said it was a pro-people budget. "This will give social, financial and academic strength to the people," he said, explaining how the Congress government had followed fiscal discipline and put the state, which had suffered during the previous BJP government, back on the path of progress.

He attacked the BJP, stating it was unable to digest the good administration being delivered by the government, and took a jibe at BJP members clad in saffron shawls. "Will you become patriots if you wear that shawl?" he questioned, alleging that RSS had collaborated with the British, and BJP had no moral right to speak about patriotism.

He also attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his claim that Karnataka would go bankrupt if the five guarantees were implemented, and said the Congress had done it successfully. As he continued slamming Modi, BJP members started chanting 'Modi, Modi!' Siddaramaiah said the BJP had never got the people's mandate in the state and had always made a backdoor entry through 'Operation Lotus'.

> **Will you become patriots if you wear that shawl? The RSS had collaborated with the British, and BJP had no moral right to speak about patriotism**
> Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

BJP MLC N Ravikumar attacked the state government for not taking any action though 48 hours had lapsed after the slogan incident, and others joined him in accusing the government of protecting traitors. Congress members urged the Chairman to throw the BJP members out of the House as they were not allowing the CM to speak.

Amid the pandemonium, six Bills, including the Finance Bill, were passed in the Upper House, before the Council was adjourned sine die.

After initial hiccup, Muzrai Bill gets nod

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THE Karnataka Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, the Karnataka Motor Transport and Other Allied Workers' Social Security and Welfare Bill and the Karnataka Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill were passed in both Houses of the state legislature on Thursday.

The Karnataka Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, which was earlier passed in the Assembly but was defeated in the Council last week, was passed in both Houses on Thursday. The Bill, which proposes to enhance the amount of common pool fund, will now be sent to the governor's office for assent.

The Karnataka Motor Transport and Other Allied Workers' Social Security and Welfare Bill, 2024, apart from ensuring social security for such workers, stresses on constituting a Karnataka State Motor Transport and other Allied Worker's Social Security and Welfare Board for disbursement of social security schemes.

The Bill also seeks the re-appropriation of funds from the Karnataka Motor Vehicles Taxation Act to finance such schemes. The Karnataka Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, which allows levying lifetime tax on motor cars, jeeps, omni buses and private service vehicles running on electricity and cost exceeding Rs 25 lakh, was also passed.

BJP APPEALS TO GUV TO DISMISS GOVT

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OPPOSITION BJP legislators on Thursday appealed to Governor Thawaarchand Gehlot to recommend to the Centre to dismiss the Congress government as it failed to maintain law and order in the state.

The BJP and JDS legislators staged a protest on Vidhana Soudha premises, took out a protest march to Raj Bhavan and submitted a memorandum seeking action against the government.

Speaking to reporters after submitting the memorandum, former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai said the government must order a probe by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) into the raising of pro-Pakistan slogans. The state government must be dismissed by the governor since it was not functioning according to the Constitution and it is protecting anti-nationals, the former CM said.

He said the Congress has gone morally bankrupt and the budget presented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has been far from the truth. Now, they have been exposed further by defending those who raised pro-Pakistan slogans, he said.

The Congress leaders think everyone would forget this incident since the joint session of the state legislature has ended, but the people of Karnataka will not forget, he said and added that the BJP will continue with the agitation.

BJP leaders protest at Vidhana Soudha

Leader of Opposition in Assembly R Ashoka accused the government of trying to mislead people and hush up the incident. He said the government must make the FSL report public.

BJP leaders also slammed Congress MLC BK Hariprasad for stating that Pakistan is enemy country for the BJP, not for them. Bommai said the MLC's statement shows the mindset of the Congress.

Merry-go-round by Oppn members 'distract' CM

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THE BJP MLAs in the Assembly, who attempted to distract CM Siddaramaiah during his reply to the discussion on the state budget on Thursday, were successful to some extent.

Siddaramaiah got distracted as BJP MLAs were either involved in sloganeering or doing a merry-go-round. The CM continued his speech only after the BJP members stepped out.

Even as Speaker UT Khader called the CM to give his reply on behalf of the government on the budget, BJP MLAs came to the well of the House demanding action against those who allegedly raised Pakistan slogans earlier this week. Siddaramaiah, who began his reply, got distracted owing to the chaos.

BJP members also started singing songs ridiculing the state budget. They even started moving in circles in the well of the House. They were clapping their hands and even tore copies of many Bills and threw them towards the Speaker.

BJP members on merry-go-round in the well of the Assembly on Thursday | EXPRESS

When Siddaramaiah spoke about Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his tenure as Gujarat CM, BJP members started raising slogans - Jai Modi and Har Ghar Modi. Irked by this, Siddaramiah, who stopped his speech, said, "Why are you taking Modi's name here when he is not present in the House?"

Later, when BJP members started chanting Jai Sriram, Siddaramiah stopped his budget reply and started chanting Jai Seetharam. "We do not divide husband and wife... we do not divide families. I also have constructed two Ram temples at my place. Ram is my name. Why do you act like Ram is only yours?" he asked the BJP MLAs. "BJP members have neither read the Ramayana nor Mahabharata. But claim to have built Ram Mandir in Ayodhya" he said.

BJP members then started chanting Jai Kempegowda. The CM got distracted again and told them that it was his government that started Kempegowda Jayanti and not the saffron party.

Accept report, face protests, Mahasabha tells govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN the wake of Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes (KSCBC) Chairman K Jayaprakash Hegde submitting the final Socioeconomic and Education Survey (caste census) report to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha has demanded that the state government not accept it, saying there are "many doubts" regarding it.

"If the government ignores the opposition from various communities and accepts the report, it will become necessary for the Mahasabha to organise a state-wide struggle," the forum said.

In a statement, Mahasabha secretary Renuka Prasanna pointed out that the Kantharaju Commission was first set up for the purpose of a caste census but later it was changed to an socioeconomic and educational survey. "It has been almost eight years since the report was prepared and there has been a lot of changes in the caste-wise population since then. There has been a lot of variation in the post-Covid period too. Therefore, accepting this report as it is will be unfair to all communities. Hence, the mahasabha has been strongly opposing the report from the beginning," he said.

He said even the 24th general assembly of the Mahasabha held in Davanagere in December decided not to support the report. "This report is completely unscientific. If it is passed in a hurry, it will do more harm than good. In view of this, the mahasabha is again demanding that the report should be rejected."

CASTE-WISE POPULATION (APPROXIMATE)

SC: 1.08 cr
Muslim: 70 lakh
Lingayat: 65 lakh
Vokkaliga: 60 lakh
Kuruba: 45 lakh
ST: 40.45 lakh
Ediga: 15 lakh
Vishwakarma: 15 lakh
Uppara: 15 lakh
Besta: 15 lakh
Brahmin: 14 lakh
Golla: 10 lakh
Madiwala: 6 lakh
Kumbara: 5 lakh

Bommai seeks open debate

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MEANWHILE, with leaders from the dominant Vokkaliga and Lingayat communities being opposed to the report, even before its contents were made public, Siddaramaiah said he is yet to study the same. "It will be placed before the cabinet and decided upon," the CM told reporters on Thursday.

Hegde told reporters that the CM has assured to place the report before the cabinet. "We have carried out the survey scientifically, and it is not right for people to oppose it, without seeing it," he said.

Just a few months ago, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and other leaders from the Vokkaliga community had urged the CM not to accept the report as it was not prepared scientifically and door-to-door survey was not done. The Vokkaligara Sangha had submitted a memorandum to the CM against the caste census, which was signed by Shivakumar and Higher Education Minister MC Sudhakar. After this, Shamanuru Shivashankarappa, who heads Veerashaiva Mahasabha, also expressed opposition to the report. They are demanding a re-survey.

It was during his earlier tenure as the CM, between 2013 and 2018, when Siddaramaiah commissioned the survey. The then Chairman of KSCBC, H Kantharaju, had completed it and prepared a report in 2018. It was, however, neither accepted nor made public.

Meanwhile, former chief minister Basavaraj bommai urged Siddaramaiah to clarify whether this report is the Kantharaju Commission report or the Jayaprakash Hegde Commission report. There should be an open debate. He told reporters that there was no mention of caste census in the Kantharaju report. There are many applications pending before the Supreme Court, on who has to carry out the caste census. "We're not against any Backward Class, but based on their population, one should get justice. This should not become dice during polls," he said.

At the same time, it remains unclear if the government will make the report public ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

BOARDS AND CORPORATION

Cong chooses leaders over legislators

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AHEAD of the Lok Sabha polls, the state government has appointed Congress leaders as heads of 44 boards and corporations for two years. Earlier, legislators used to be appointed to the posts.

Former Bengaluru mayor R Sampath Raj has been appointed chairman of BR Ambedkar Development Corporation. Former MLC Srinivas will be chairman of Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation, Raghunandan Ramanna, chairman, Bengaluru-Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor Area Development Authority, BH Harish, chairman, Karnataka State Agriculture Produce Processing and Export Corporation, Padmavati, chairman, Women Development Corporation and Sadhu Kokila, chairman, Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy.

Former minister HM Revanna has been appointed head of the Guarantee Implementation Committee. The committee chairman will be given the status of a cabinet minister.

'Internal feud' in Belagavi hits prospects of Congmen

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

THE internal feud between some of the top leaders of the Congress in Belagavi has affected the prospects of several party workers who are lobbying for the posts of heads of various boards and corporations in the state.

According to sources, the simmering differences between ministers Satish Jarkiholi and Laxmi Hebbalkar have made the State Government and the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) keep the announcement of heads for several important boards and corporations on hold, particularly in Belagavi, including Belagavi Urban Development Authority (BUDA) and Command Area Development Authority (CADA).

As a result of the party's internal rifts, none of the Congress workers or leaders from Belagavi district, the biggest district in Karnataka with 18 Assembly constituencies, figure in the list of heads of 44 boards and corporations announced by the government on Thursday.

Although some of the Congress legislators from Belagavi, including Kagwad MLA Raju Kage and Bailhongal MLA Mahantesh Koujalgi, were among the heads announced by the government for various boards and corporations recently, none could make it to the fresh list of heads on Thursday.

Sources said some MLAs from Belagavi were likely to be named as heads of important boards in Belagavi, but the government kept the announcement on hold.

Sources close to Jarkiholi said the latter had given the list of six party workers and leaders for the top posts from Belagavi district as he is the district minister. He had included leaders from all communities to ensure social justice. However, the Congress' top leadership in the state is said to have kept his list on hold after objections raised by some leaders of the party in Belagavi, sources added.

A 59-year-old man was sentenced to triple life term for sexually abusing a three-year-old girl in Thrissur. The convicted is Santhosh aka Appachan, of Ponnukkara. The case was registered in 2022. Santhosh sexually abused the girl multiple times at his residence

PREZ WITHOLDS ASSENT TO VARSITY BILLS

Witheld assent to 3 bills, including one seeking to divest Kerala Guv from post of Chancellor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

IN a major blow to the state government's efforts to curtail the governor's powers in university matters, President Droupadi Murmu has withheld assent to three Bills, including the one seeking to divest the governor from the post of chancellor of state varsities. For all intents and purposes, the Bills have reached a dead end, said experts.

Governor Arif Mohammed Khan had sent seven Bills to the President last November after the state government moved the Supreme Court alleging inordinate delay by him in clearing the pieces of legislation passed more than a year ago.

In a press release on Thursday, the Raj Bhavan said the President has "withheld assent" to the amendment bills divesting governor from the position of chancellor of universities; expanding search committee for vice-chancellor appointments and effecting governance changes within the technological university. While the President has given assent to the Kerala Lokayukta Amendment Bill, 2022, a decisions on other three Bills is awaited, the Raj Bhavan said.

The Kerala University Laws [Amendment No.2] [Divesting Governor from the position of Chancellor of Universities] Bill, 2022, was passed to keep the governor's powers under check in state varsities. It enabled the government to appoint academicians or "persons of eminence" in various fields of knowledge as chancellors in various universities.

University Law Amendment Bill, 2022 (Expansion of search committee for the appointment of VC) proposed expanding the three-member search committee to a five member panel. Along with nominees of the chancellor and the university, a nominee of the government and the state higher education council were also included. The moved aimed at ensuring greater leverage to the government in VC selection.

A bill dealing with the appellate tribunal and other amendments to Technological University, was the third legislation denied assent.

POLL PITCH

Stalin: Modi heads heartless govt, fears losing election

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

CHIEF Minister M K Stalin on Thursday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to spell out what central schemes the state government has blocked. Responding to Modi's claim that there was lack of cooperation from the DMK government in implementing central schemes, the CM said Modi is slandering DMK and the state government due to his fear and anger over the prospect of losing Lok Sabha elections.

In a letter addressed to DMK cadres on the eve of his birthday, Stalin said, "Modi should have specified the projects that were being obstructed by the DMK administration instead of making superficial and generalised allegations. Did we block the opening of AIIMS in Madurai? Did we stand in the way of metro rail projects? Let him tell us for which Union Government projects did we not allocate land." He said the DMK was openly opposing only those schemes like the NEET, farm bills, Citizenship Amendment Act and National Education Policy since they were against the interests of people. "Modi, who heads a heartless government that denies due grants to states, prevents borrowing, doesn't sanction even flood relief money, has no right to criticise the DMK," Stalin said.

Responding to Modi's remarks that DMK had to be driven away from Tamil Nadu, Stalin termed the remarks as demeaning to the position of PM. He said he would not wish the same for the BJP as DMK believed in BJP's right to function as a party in a democratic arena. The political history of Tamil Nadu would show what happened to those who wanted to destroy the DMK, Stalin said. "My wishes for the BJP, which was not able to be a good ruling party in the past, to function at least as a good opposition party in the future," the CM quipped, hinting that he believed the saffron party may be voted out in the LS election.

2-wk extension for Kannada board deadline

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FOLLOWING an outcry from commercial establishment owners over the short period for implementing the 60% Kannada rule in name boards, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar announced that the government has extended the deadline by another two weeks. The earlier deadline was February 28.

Taking to social media on Thursday, Shivakumar said, "Considering that it takes time to change the signage, the Karnataka government has decided to extend the deadline given to commercial establishments by two more weeks so that the 60 per cent signage in Kannada rule can be followed."

"It is important that we uphold our mother tongue with utmost respect, therefore we expect this law will be duly followed, and we shall see compliance to it by the end of the two-week extended period," he added.

Explaining the move, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girnath said, "As many shopkeepers have to put up Kannada name boards, there is a huge demand for labour involved in this. Keeping in mind the shortage of such labourers, we have extended the deadline to install Kannada name boards by two week. After this, if boards are not changed, then the commercial units will be shut down and their trade licences will be cancelled."

He said there was positive response from businesses on implementing 60 per cent Kannada of their name boards and more than 90 per cent of establishments have fallen in line. "Of the 55,000 shops and establishments identified by our officials, only 3,000 are yet to fall in line," Girinath said.

Shakti effect: 6,100 buses to be inducted

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

ABOUT 6,100 buses will be inducted into service over the next 12 months, as the Shakti scheme has meant more passengers using buses. This, and a host of other decisions were taken by the Cabinet, which met late Thursday evening.

Approval was given to buy 260 buses, of which 100 will be Pallakki non-AC buses, 120 will be non-AC buses for North Karnataka and 40 will be AC buses. The government will take up centres of industrial excellence across the state, besides initiatives to encourage startups at a cost of Rs 50 crore.

The Rs 200-300 crore scam in Keonics between 2019 and 2023, which surfaced just days after new chairman Sharath Bache Gowda took over, was discussed. The government had taken note that accounts were frozen and salaries not paid. The cabinet said those who did honest work but whose salaries were held up, will be given their dues, and those found guilty will be dealt with legally.

With summer round the corner, the government has taken up tank filling works in drought-prone areas through the Cauvery Neeravari Nigam, and maintenance works of lift irrigation schemes across the state, especially in South Karnataka. Approval was accorded for civic works in Hubballi-Dharwad area listed by the urban development department. The medical education department had also listed important works for building health infrastructure, and got approval. Administrative approval was given to CV Raman Hospital in Bengaluru, Wenlock Hospital in Mangaluru and nine other hospitals where basic intensive care facilities are being set up at a cost of about Rs 135 crore.

HUMBLE ENTRY

Mayor Mahajabeen Horti arrives in a tonga to attend the Vijayapura City Corporation meeting in a bid to highlight the administration's failure to provide her an official car| EXPRESS

4 minutes late to exam hall, boy jumps into river

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Adilabad

TEKAM Shiva Kumar, an 18-year-old second-year Intermediate student, allegedly died by suicide by jumping into the Sathnala project in Jainath mandal. Upon analysis of the suicide note, the police found that he took the extreme step as he was not allowed to enter the examination centre for being four minutes late.

According to police, Shiva was pursuing his second-year CEC at the Government Junior College for Boys, and his examination centre was the Telangana Social Welfare Gurukulam Girls School. On the first day of the examinations, he arrived four minutes late to the centre and found that the gates were closed.

The state government has issued strict orders disallowing anyone into the examination centres if they are late even by a minute. Upset over being disallowed to sit for the second language paper-II examination, Shiva went to the Sathnala project, penned a suicide note and jumped into the water.

Later, fishermen identified his slipper, bag and pen and alerted the police. Upon receiving information, Shiva's parents, relatives and the police visited the site. After three hours of searching, his body was found and shifted to the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Adilabad, for postmortem. The body was later handed over to the family. Meanwhile, Jainath mandal police have registered a case.

Karnataka has 1,879 leopards in 5 tiger reserves, more outside

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

AT least 1,879 leopards roam free in the five tiger reserves of Bandipur, Bhadra, Nagarahole, Dandeli-Anshi and BRT in Karnataka, according to the report 'Status of Leopards in India 2022' by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, released by Union minister Bhupender Yadav on Thursday.

As the report shows the count of the spotted wild cats inside forest areas, Karnataka forest officials said an equal number, or even more, is wandering outside tiger reserves. This is not just in Karnataka, but in other states too.

As per the report, in 2018, 1,783 leopards were counted and documented in Karnataka, and now there are 96 more. The report showed that the entire Western Ghats landscape documented 3,596 leopards in 2022, while in 2018, the number was 3,387. India houses 13,874 leopards, against 12,852 in 2018.

In this fifth cycle of leopard estimation, the populations in 20 states in India were studied on foot surveys spanning 6.41 lakh km. Researchers from the National Tiger Conservation Authority and Wildlife Institute of India in the report quoted: "Although the leopard population in Western Ghats is widely distributed, it faces the repercussions of habitat loss and fragmentation and poaching. Leopards in Western Ghats often inhabit human-dominated spaces, leopard-human conflict is prevalent in the entire landscape and has increased in recent times. While the Nilgiri forests harbour high-density leopard populations (13 leopards per 100sqkm), leopards occur in much lower densities in the scrubland, open forest mosaics of central Karnataka or the evergreen patches of southern Western Ghats (1 per 100sqkm). In central and northern Western Ghats, leopard populations are distributed in higher densities inside the Tiger Reserves (Bhadra, Kali, Mudumalai and Sathyamangalam) while moderate to low densities are outside protected areas."

Leopards are highly adaptive animals, they survive in urban areas because of the street dog population and meat strewn around slaughter houses, which is available in abundance now

Subhash Malkhade, Chief Forest Conservator

Subhash Malkhade, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Karnataka, said these are the minimum numbers and the same number or more are outside. He explained that the leopard population assessed in the report was based on camera trap images in the reserves. "More than the numbers, the trend is important. The carnivore population is increasing and shows there is also a healthy prey base inside the forests. Leopards are highly adaptive animals, they survive in urban areas because of the street dog population and meat strewn around slaughter houses, which is available in abundance now," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Local BJP leader hacked to death in Aland taluk

Kalaburagi: BJP leader Mahantappa Siddaramappa Alure (45) of Aland taluk was killed by miscreants in Sarasamba village on Thursday, said police sources. Sidharamappa was the president of Dhanalakshmi Cooperative Society of Sarasamba and has been elected continuously as the member of Sarasamba Gram Panchayat. According to the police, Mahantappa had gone to the cow shed on his field on Thursday morning to collect milk. While returning to his house, some miscreants, who came in a car, attacked Mahantappa near GESCOM office with weapons and escaped, police said. Though Mahantappa was taken to a hospital in Solapur of Maharashtra immediately, he succumbed to his injuries. Police said that the postmortem was conducted in Solapur and the place for his final rites will be decided by the family members. A case has been registered at Madana Hipparaga police station. **ENS**

IN THE COURT OF THE VI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT BENGALURU
O.S. No. 4490/2023 (CH-11)

BETWEEN: Geetha. S, W/o Mahabaleshwara, D/o Ramaiah, aged about 56 years, R/at # 50, 15th Cross, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru North - 560091. Aadhar No. 6445 7555 2953, Represented by her GPA Holder Sri. Mahabaleshwara, S/o Sannaiah, aged about 60 years, R/at # 50, 15th Cross, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru North - 560091. Aadhar No. 5925 9885 7414 ...Plainitff

AND: Smt. Pavin Thimmaiah & Ors ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS

1. Smt. Pavin Thimmaiah, W/o Ravindra. D, aged about 50 years, R/at House No.720, 13th 'B' Cross, Chandra Layout, Nagarabhavi 1st Stage, Behind Indian Oil Petrol Bunk, Bengaluru- 560072. Aadhar No. 4576 9663 8684, 2. Ravindra .D, S/o G Divakar, aged about 57 years, R/at House No.720, 13th 'B' Cross, Chandra Layout, Nagarabhavi 1st Stage, Behind Indian Oil Petrol Bunk, Bengaluru- 560072. Aadhar No: 2257 0859 7379, 3. Geetha, aged about 56 years, R/at House No. 02, Malagala, 60th Cross Road, Bengaluru- 560091 Aadhar No: 3168 7274 4457.

WHEREAS the Plaintiff above named has instituted suit against the defendants above-named for judgment and decree for declaration & permanent injunction restraining the Defendants or any other person claiming through or under them in any manner interfering with Plaintiff's law possession and enjoyment of the schedule property, you may take notice that you are hereby directed to appear before this Court, in person or through a pleader on 15-04-2024 at 11.00 AM, to answer as to why the relief prayed for in the suit should not be granted. If you fail to appear on the above date, the suit will be proceeded and decided ex parte in your absence.

All that piece and parcel of the Site No. 719 situated at Nagarabhavi 1st Stage, measuring East to West 12.20 Mtrs and North to South 9.15 mtrs totally measuring 111.63 sq. mtrs (Sy.No.8 Gangondana Halli Village is bounded on: East By: Road, West By: Site No.711, North By: Site No.718 South By: Site No. 720

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, on this 28-02-2024.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE: AMIT M HEGDE & MANJUNATH. S, Advocates, 'PRASIDDHI LEGAL, Mob: 9972242872.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client, Mr. RONAK RATHI, S/o. Mr. Sampat Rathi, residing at No. S9/102, Greenwood Regency Apartment, Sarjapur Road, Doddakanahalli, Carmelaram, Bengaluru-560035 and Mr. ANKUSH RATHI, S/o. Mr. Prakash Chandra Rathi, residing at B-452A, Sushant Lok, Phase 1, Gurgaon, Chakapur (74), Gurgaon-122002, intend to purchase the schedule properties mentioned below from its owner M/s.MURARI BUILDERS & DEVELOPERS, having its registered office at No.69B, 7th Main, 2nd Cross, Nandakumar Layout, Arehalli, Bengaluru-560061. All persons having any claim, objections, right, title or interest in respect of the schedule properties or the transaction may file his / her / their objections in writing with documentary evidence to the under signed within 7 days from the date of Publication of this notice, failing which it will be deemed as no claims and my client will proceed to complete the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

ITEM No.1: All that piece and parcel of the undeveloped converted land bearing Survey No.34/5, old Survey No.34/1, measuring to an extent of 15 ¼ guntas or 15.04 guntas, converted for non agricultural residential use as per conversion order bearing No.ALN.(A3H) SR344/2022-23 dated 13.03.2023 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, situated at Gopasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekla Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on the: East by Road, West by: Land bearing Sy No.34/4, North by: Land bearing Sy No.34/1 and South by: Land bearing Sy No.34/2.

ITEM No.2: All that piece and parcel of the undeveloped converted land bearing Survey No.34/4, old Survey No.34/1, measuring to an extent of 8 ¼ guntas or 8.04 guntas, converted for non agricultural residential use as per conversion order bearing No.ALN.(A3H) SR345/2022-23 dated 13.03.2023 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, situated at Gopasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekla Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on the : East by: Land bearing Sy No.34/5, West by: Land bearing Sy No.34/3, North by: Land bearing Sy No.34/1 and South by: Land bearing Sy No.34/2.

S.C. RAJESH KUMAR, Advocate
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THANKS GIVING

Thanksgiving to St.Joseph Foster Father of Jesus Pray for our family, Thank you for blessing Suhas Antony with good health,wisdom knowledge & Protection.
Bless our family always..Amen

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH No. 12)
O.S. No. 6774/2023

BETWEEN : MR. K. SRIDHAR
Aged 69 years, S/o. B.N. Krishnaswamy Iyer, Residing at No. 2445, 'E' Block, Shakarnagar, Bengaluru - 560092.
...PLAINTIFF
V/s
SMT. G. JAYANTHI ...DEFENDANT

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

SMT. G. JAYANTHI, Aged 60 years, D/o. N.G.R. Naidu, Residing at No. 136, 3rd Main Road, 4th Cross, Nagappa Block, Srirampura, Bengaluru - 560021.

The plaintiff have instituted the above suit against you the permanent injunction. You are hereby Notice to appear before this Hon'ble on 21.3.2024 at 11.00 AM in person or through advocate / pleader to answer the questions to the same failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Site No. 761, in Arkavathy Layout, 19th Block, Sy.No. 13/2 of Chellakare Village, Bangalore, measuring East to West 9.00 Meters and North to South 12.00 admeasuring 108.00 sq meters and bounded by :- East : Site No. 762, West : Site No. 760, North: Road, South: Site No. 738.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, on this 26th day of February 2024.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff : Pushpatatha N.S No. 24/2, 2nd Floor, Adarsha Complex, Shivanada Circle, Bengaluru-560001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is here by notify that, my clients, Sri. Murari Pramanik, Banshi Pramanik and Mukunda Mohan Pramanik, residents of Bangalore are intending to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner Sri. Vishwanath.M, S/o, R.Mallaiah resident of Bangalore.

Any person/s having any objections or claims of any manner whatsoever are called upon to approach the under signed along with documents in support of such claims/objections, if any within 7 days from this date, in the event of no such claims are received, it would be presumed that, no third party is having any objections/claims for my clients to proceed with the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that the piece and parcel of the property bearing old No.1:A, then 27:1, thereafter 2, present No. 22, PID.No.47-124-22, Measuring East to West: 24.6 feet and North to South: 13.6 feet totally measuring: 330.75 Sq, feet, situated at, Honnurappa Lane, Siddanna Lane Cross, Ramanna Pet, Cubbonpet, Bangalore -560002, and bounded on the: -

East by : Property belongs to B.C.Mallappa and Jayamma West by : Road
North by : Property belongs to Nanjundappa
South by: Property belongs to Piliamma.

NAME AND ADRESS OF THE ADVOCATE: -MANJUNATHA.A, 977, NAGARTHPET MAIN ROAD, BANGALORE – 560002. Mobile No. 9900169555.

IN THE COURT OF THE XX ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P & Sc. No. 74/2024

BETWEEN: 1. SMT. B.S. NIRMALA, AGED ABOUT 69 YEARS, W/O LATE B.S. SHANKAR RAO, 2. SRI. K.S. RUPESH KUMAR, AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS, S/O. LATE B.S. SHANKAR RAO, BOTH RESIDING AT NO.9/10, "SRI MUNI SAI KRUPA", 1ST CROSS, 16TH 'E' MAIN ROAD, G.H.LAYOUT, LIC COLONY, JAYANAGAR III BLOCK EAST, BENGALURU - 560 011 ...PETITIONERS

AND: -NIL- ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named Petitioner has made a Petition to this Court (CCH No.32) under Section 276 of the Indian Succession Act praying for issue of Probate of the Will dated 03-12-2009 for getting the schedule assets transferred to the name of the petitioners. The 1st petitioner is the wife and the 2nd petitioner is the son of the deceased Sri. B.S. SHANKAR RAO. The schedule mentioned below belongs to Sri. B.S. SHANKAR RAO, who expired on 17-06-2011.

Interested Parties are hereby warned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the 26-03-2024 at 11 'o' clock in forenoon to Show Cause against the Petition failing wherein, the matter will be heard and determined exparte.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.11, bearing Khatha No.9 & 10, situated at 16th 'E' Main Road, Byrasandra, Bangalore City measuring East to West: 87 Feet 6 Inches and North to South: 55 Feet and bounded on the East by: Property No.12, West by: Property bearing earlier Nos. 9 & 12, North by: Road and South by: Property No.6

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 26-02-2024.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

B.G. Sriram, Advocate
No.65, 13th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar Bangalore- 560 011.

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TENDER E-PROCUREMENT NOTIFICATION

NFDS E-procurement under National Health Mission of District Health and Family Welfare Department Koppal. An e-procurement tender called for supply of Lab Diagnostic kit, Chemical and Consumbles for the Programme.

Tender Schedule:-

1) Last date to enter rates through e-procurement and submit application on **14/03/2024 up to 5.00 pm**
2) Date of opening of technical bid is **16/03/2024 after 11.00 am**
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For further details contact the said organization on working day or get information at https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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DIPR/Koppal/493 /2023-24/ DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank | **Branch Office-** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Eva Sweetlin/ Godwin Kenneth John/ LBBNG00002268435/ LBBNG00003391189	Schedule 'A' Property All That Piece And Parcel of Property Bearing Site Nos.16 And 19 And Portion of Katha Nos.493/1 And 498/2, (Earlier Bbmp Katha No.540/954/498/2) And Site No.17,18 And 17a And Portion of Katha No.465/1, (Earlier Bbmp Katha No.527/873/465/1) Presently Amalgamated Bbmp Katha No. 527/873/465/1, Measuring East To West 139+142/2 Feet And North To South 98.14+60/2 Feet In All Measuring 11,109sq. Feet, Situated At L.B. Shastrinagar, Vibhuthipura, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk And Bounded On The: East By: Road; West By: Road; North By: Site Nos.15 And 20; South By: Road; Schedule 'B' Property 247 Sq. feet Undivided Right, Title And Interest In The Immovable Property Mentioned In Schedule 'A' Above. Schedule 'C' Property Residential Flat No.108 In First Floor Measuring 1115 Sq.feet, Super Built Up Area Containing Hall, Dining,kitchen, Two Bed Rooms, One Balcony With Rcc Roofing, Vetrified Flooring And Main Door Teak Wood,remaining Doors Flush Doors, Aluminum Windows Together With One Covered Car Parking Space Including Proportionate Share In Common Areas Such As Passage,lobbies, Party Hall, Gym, Children Play Area, Lift, Staircase On Schedule "A" Property Known As "Club Nest Lake View" Apartment With Other Specifications Contained Hereunder./ Date of Symbolic Possession On/24/02/2024.	20.10.2023 Rs. 42,72,807.00/-	Bangalore
2.	Shivashankari N/ Ramachadran S/ LBBNG00004927052	(as Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering Schedule All That Piece And Parcel of Property Bearing Site No. 178, In Part-i, Situated In The Layout Known And Called As "Kanakashree Layout-II Stage, Formed By The Kanakashree House Building Co-operative Society Limited, Bangalore, In The Converted Survey Nos. 128(p). 129(p) 138(p), 139, 140, 141, 142, 143. 163/1, 164, 165, 213, 214, 215 And 216. Bda Khatha No. Bda/ri/n/c.3/178/09-10 Dated 23.03.2010 Situated At Kannur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Were Converted For Residential Purposes Under The Several Conversion Orders/official Memorandums Bearing No. A.L.N.(East) (B)S.R.24/2008-09 And No. A.L.N.(E) (B) S.R: 117/08-09 Dated 11.12.2008 Issued By The Special Deputy Commissioner ® Bangalore District, Bangalore And This Said Private Layout Duly Approved By The Bangalore Development Authority. Bangalore Vide Their Order Bearing No. BDA/TPM.PL-32/08-09/2915/2009-10 Dated 30.11.2009, Possession Certificate No.218, Measuring East To West :40 Feet North To South: 30 Feet In All Measuring 1200 Square Feet And Bounded: North:site No. 179, South: Site No.177 East:site Nos. 185 And 186 West: 9.14 M. Wide Road, (10* Cross Road)/ Date of Symbolic Possession On/24/02/2024.	31.10.2023 Rs. 39,13,102.00/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : March 01, 2024
Place : Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.,

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15/1, Hayes Centre, Hayes Road, Bangalore -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general are here by \cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon,

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Property
1.Ms. Rajalakhmi Subramanian 2. Ms. Ashwin Balasubramanian 3. Ms. Suvasini Radhakrishnan 4. Mr. T. V. Balasubramanian 5. Mr. Sitaraman Radhakrishnan Loan Account no. : 410200006112, 410200006111 & 410200006110 Symbolic Possession Taken Date : 29/02/2024	03/09/2019	Rs.4,78,94,076.02 (Rupees Four Crore Seventy Eight Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Seventy Six and Paise Two Only)	**Sale deed No. 384/97-98, dated:- 21.05.1997- (Loan A/c No. 410200006112).** All that House property bearing No. 27 (New No. 32), situated at Sathyanarayana Temple Street, Ulsoor, Bangalore - 560008, with a building thereon measuring about 2050 Sq, Ft, with 1/3rd undivided share to the extent of 1033.33 Square Feet, renovated and modified in the year 1962. The entire property is bounded and measuring as follows:- East to West :- 62 Feet, North to south :- 50 Feet, (in all 3100 Square feet only). East :- Private Property; West :- By Sathyanarayana Temple Street; North ;- By Cross Road leading to Gupta Layout; South :- By property No. 28, 29 & 30 belonging to Smt. Meenakshi & Smt. Rajee Seshadri. **Sale deed No. 2287/2013-14, dated:- 12-06-2013- (Loan A/c No. 410200006111).** All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing BBMP Municipal No. 27/1, PID No.:- 090-W0127-36 (Old PID No:- 81-75-27/1), on the first floor of the building constructed at Site bearing No. BMP Municipal No. 27, New Site No. 32, situated at Sathyanarayana Temple Street, (also 6th Cross Gupta Layout) Ward No. 90 (Old Ward No. 81), Ulsoor Bangalore, with 1/3rd undivided right, title, interest and share equivalent to 1033.33 Sq. Ft, measuring East to West 62 Feet and North to South 50 Feet together measuring about 3100 Sq. Feet and bounded on the:- East :- Private Property; West :- By Sathyanarayana Temple Street; North ;- By Cross Road leading to Gupta Layout; South :- By property No. 28, 29 & 30 belonging to Smt. Meenakshi & Smt. Rajee Seshadri **Sale deed No. 3090/13-14, dated:- 01-07-2013- (Loan A/c No. 410200006110).** All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No. BBMP Municipal No. 27, PID No:- 090-W0127-14 (Old PID No. 81-75-27), on the Ground floor of the building constructed at Site bearing BMP Municipal No. 27, (New site No. 32) situated at Sathyanarayana temple (also 6th Cross Gupta Layout) Ward No. 81, Ulsoor, Bangalore, with 1/3 undivided right, title, interest and share, measuring East to West:- 62 Feet and North to south:- 50 Feet together measuring about 3100 Sq. Feet and bounded on the:- East by:- Private property,. West by:- Road (Sathyanarayana Temple Street); North by:- Road (6th Cross, Gupta Layout), South by:- Property bearing No. 28, 29 & 30 Sathyanarayana Temple street belonging to Smt. Meenakshi Rajee Seshadri.

Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd.,

Head Office : B.H. Road, Tumkur-572103, Karnataka,
Phone : 0816-2257636 / 4021102-103, Fax : 0816-2255905, Email : tgmcb_ho@hotmail.com, tgmc.ho@tgmcbank.com,
Website: www.tgmcbank.com

TENDER CUM - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RE-CONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, borrower **Mr. Prasad Babu V** S/o Chinnaswamy Naidu, #145, 17th Cross, Gangamma Layout, Ashok Nagar, Bangalore - 560050 Personal guarantee of **1) Mrs. V. Sharadha** W/o Sudarshan Naidu, # 7-15/1, Gangamma Temple Street, Near Vidhyapeeta Main Road, Bangalore-560050. **2) Mrs. Rekha S** W/o Prasad Babu V, # 145, 17th Cross, Gangamma Layout, Ashok Nagar, Bangalore-560050 having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd., Jayanagar Branch, Bangalore.** The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs.2,35,23,217/- (Rupees Two Crores Thirty Five Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred And Seventeen Only) as on Date : 05.08.2019,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorized Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder on, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of Property	Date & Time of Opening Tender and Place of Auction	Reserve Price & EMD Amount
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing BBMP Katha No. New 10, PID No. 58-131-10, Situated at Thayappana Halli, BDA Layout, Bangalore, Ward No. 58, Jayanagar, measuring East to West 18.29 Meters and North to South 12.19 Meters, Totally measuring 222.95 Square Meters or 2400 Sq. Ft, Building there on and Bounded on : East By : Site No. 35, West By : Road, North By : Park & Road, South By : Site No. 11.	19.03.2024 at 11.30 AM Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560010.	Rs.4,50,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Fifty Lakh Only) EMD: Rs.45,00,000/- (Rupees Fourty Five Lakh Only)

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: -1) The Tender form can be collected from **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560010 **(Mob: 9880882881, 9449027476)** on all working days during office hours. **2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **"Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd.,"** payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560010 **(Mob: 9880882881, 9449027476)** Latest by **18.03.2024 before 5.00 P M.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **4)** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **5)** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorized Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **11.30 AM on 19.03.2024. 8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorized Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **11)** The Authorized Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between **10.00 AM and -5.00PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **14)** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. **15)** Bidder can bid for all or any one of the lots by submitting their EMD amount for the individual property. **16)** In case the bidder is a company, a copy of the resolution passed by the Board of Directors authorizing the actual bidder to participate in the auction on behalf of the Company should be submitted. **17)** If the sale price is more than **Rs.50,00,000=00 (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only),** then the auction purchaser/successful bidder has to deduct 1% of the Sale Price as TDS in the name of owner of the property & remit to Income Tax Department as per Section 194 IA of Income Tax Act and only 99% of the Sale Price has to be remitted to the Bank. The Sale Certificate will be issued only on receipt of Form 26QB & Challan for having remitted the TDS.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorized Officer, Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560010 (Mob: 9880882881, 9449027476) E-mail: securitization@tgmcbank.com

Place : Bangalore
Date : 29.02.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
TUMKUR GRAIN MERCHANTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. 903/SE(E)/Tr(W&M)/CIVIL/23-24/CYS-63 Date : 29.02.2024

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites bids for Capital and Station improvement Civil engineering works coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Hubballi.

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the "Karnataka Public Procurement Portal" mode can be obtained by logging on to Karnataka Public Procurement Portal's website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL,
Vidyuthnagar, Karavara Road, Hubballi - 580024

NYAYAMITRA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITA

City Civil Court Branch, City Civil Court Compound, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560009.

AUCTION SALE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Auction Sale under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 of the under mentioned property mortgaged to the Bank for recovery of the Secured Debt of Rs. 70,37,245/- as of 29-02-2024 with interest and other charges there on till the debt is cleared.

Date & Time of Auction	**11-03-2024 at 11.00 A.M**
Place of Auction	Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita City Civil Court Branch, City Civil Court Compound, K.G. Road, Bangalore–560 009.
Reserved Price	Rs.1,22,67,648/-
Name of the Borrower	Sri. PRAKASH.H
Name of the Mortgage	Sri. PRAKASH.H
Name of the property Owner	Sri. PRAKASH.H

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of The immovable property bearing site No.5, in Assessment No.24/2, Jnanabharathi Ward No.129, Bengaluru, Situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, presently comes within the limits of B.B.M.P, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded on: **East by :** Site bearing No.6, **West by** : Site bearing No.4, **North by :** Property Sy.No.135/1 belongs to Sri.Dheerendra Vadiya, **South by:** Road.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of The immovable property bearing site No.6, in Assessment No.24/2, Jnanabharathi Ward No.129, Bengaluru, Situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, presently comes within the limits of B.B.M.P, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded on: **East by** : Property in Sy.No.24/5 belongs to Smt.Nagarathnamma, **West by**: Site bearing No.5, **North by**: Property in Sy.No.135/2 belongs to Sri.M.S.Kulkarni, **South by :** Road.

TERMS AND CONDITION OF SALE

1. The Bidder should deposit EMD of Rs.10,000/- and obtain the Receipt well before the time of auction and the successful bidder fails to fulfill the condition of auction the EMD shall be forfeited.
2. The successful bidder has to pay 25% of the bid amount (inclusive of EMD) on the same day by way of cash or DD.
3. The successful bidder should bear all the expenses connected with registration/transfer etc.
4. The authorized officer may accept or reject the auction sale without assigning any reason there of.
5. The Bank is in no way responsible for any dues in respect of tax and any other expenses.
6. For inspection and any other information relating to this auction the intending bidders may contact The Manager, Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita, Vakilara Bhavana, 3rd Annexe, City Civil Court Compound, Behind Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bengaluru-560009,Phone No.080 – 22217077.
7. The Bank is not responsible for any discrepancy in details of land and building.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 29/02/2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Nyayamitra Sahakara Bank Niyamita,
Bangalore-09.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Executive Engineer, No.1, Buildings Division, SJ.P. Campus, Bangalore. Tel: 22255210 Fax: 22250755
e-mail: eebld1@kpwd.gov.in, eebld1@yahoo.com

No: EE/Bld1/Dvn/BLR/AE-2/ 42 /2023-24 Date: 28/02/2024

QUOTATION ENQUIRY

Subject: Quotation Proposed for 25 feet height Hoysala and Chalukyan Style Bronze statue of Nadadevi Sri Bhuvaneshwari in sitting posture in the premises of Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.

With reference to the above cited subject, it is hereby informed to quote your lowest rates for the above work to the Casting, Supplying, Erecting and fixing of 25 feet height Hoysala and Chalukyan Style Bronze statue of Nadadevi. Sri Bhuvaneshwari Statue in Sitting posture at Parking area between Gate no 1 and 2 Western side of Vidhana Soudha Premises, Bangalore.

1) Description/Specification of Materials: Casting, Supplying, Erecting and fixing of 25feet height Hoysala and Chalukyan Style Bronze statue of Nadadevi. Sri Bhuvaneshwari Statue in Sitting posture as per approved Drawing/ Painting/ Model, proportionate length and breadth (excluding stone pedestal) with bronze weight of statue not Less than 15.095 tonnes, average thickness of 8mm to 20mm bronze sheet with stainless steel used as reinforcement not less than 5 tonnes (excluding bronze weight), including cost of all materials, making clay model, making moulds, making fibre glass statue, making plaster of Paris piece moulds, making wax statue bronze casting welding of bronze statue in foundry bracing with stainless steel angles flats with nut & bolts, cutting statue in to required parts for transportation, hoisting parts on to pedestal welding stainless steel structure and bronze parts together final finishing and painting, installation at specified place of VidhanaSoudha Premises, Bangalore, ie work spot, including labour, hiring of machineries and all other incidental charges for successful crection and completion of work in coordination with civil works, includes the certificates to be obtained from the Quality assurance authorities and Prototype Should be approved and finalized by the monitoring committee of Nadadevi Sri Bhuvaneshwari Statue, including cost of all materials, labour charges, with all lead and lift, loading and unloading, transportation used for erection and all other incidental charges for successful completion of the work as per directions of the Engineer-in-charge of the work.

Quantity/Unit: JOB. **Rate to be quoted:** In the enclosed schedule's.

Conditions: (1) The prototype of 3 feet height fiber statue of Nadadevi Sri Bhuvaneshwari shall be subjected to the approval of monitoring committee of Nadadevi Sri Bhuvaneshwari Statue. **(2)** The quoted rate shall be exclusive of all taxes,complete item of works mentioned in the schedule specified above.

Collect the detailed technical specification schedules on or before 05-03-2024 during office hours. The sealed quotation should reach this office on or before 06-03-2024 16:00 hours.

For any details or additional information please do contact this office during office hours on all the working days.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
DIPR/CP/AAA/3955/2023-24

Form No. INC-25A

Advertisement for conversion of
Public Limited Company into a Private Limited Company

Before the Regional Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Southern Region

In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, section 14 of Companies Act, 2013 and rule 41 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

AND

In the matter of **M/s Balaji Building Technologies Ltd.** having its registered office at Survey No.207/2, Byagadadenahalli, Chandapura - Anekal Road, Bangalore Urban- 562106 Karnataka, India.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the company intending to make an application to the Central Government under section 14 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with aforesaid rules and is desirous of converting into a private limited company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting/ Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 21.02.2024 to enable the company to give effect for such conversion.

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change/status of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his interest and grounds of opposition to the concerned Regional Director (complete address of the Regional Director to be given), within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below: For and on behalf of the Applicant M/s Balaji Building Technologies Ltd. Survey No.207/2, Byagadadenahalli, Chandapura -Anekal Road, Bangalore Urban- 562106.

Sd/-
Konidala Balaji
Managing Director
DIN : 01667476
@ : 1 March 2024

Date: 21.02.2024
Place: Bangalore

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through kpp portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from the eligible Pre qualified contractors in Karnataka Housing Board through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned work. **Last date for submission of bid: 07.03.2024 upto 4.00 p.m.**

Sl. No.	Name of Work
1.	**Construction of additional classrooms to Government First Grade College Building at Bagepalli, Chikkaballapura District under SDP 2021-22 Scheme.** Tender Ref. No.:KHB/2023-24/BD/work_Indent 190 & IFT No.196/2023-24 Date: 27.02.2024. Amount put to tender : **Rs.37,55,216/-.**
2.	**Construction of additional classrooms to Government First Grade College Building at Gouribidanuru, Chikkaballapura under SDP 2021-22 Scheme.** Tender Ref. No.:KHB/2023-24/BD/work_Indent 191 & IFT No.197/2023-24 Date: 27.02.2024. Amount put to tender : **Rs.37,68,464/-.**
3.	**Construction of additional classrooms to Government First Grade College Building at Gudibande, Chikkaballapura District under SDP 2021-22 Scheme.** Tender Ref. No.:KHB/2023-24/BD/work_Indent 192 & IFT No.198/2023-24 Date: 27.02.2024. Amount put to tender : **Rs.37,68,555/-.**
4.	**Construction of Auditorium to Government First Grade College at Soraba, Shivamogga District under SDP 2021-22 Scheme.** Tender Ref. No.: KHB/2023-24/BD/work_Indent 193 & IFT No.199/2023-24 Date: 27.02.2024. Amount put to tender : **Rs.53,00,107/-.**

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru, Telephone No.080-22273511 / 080-22100077 website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO3977/23-24 Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru.

Office of the Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Special division, Shimoga

Ph: 08182-222942, E-Mail : spdivision@gmail.com

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(TWO COVER SYSTEM)(Through e-procurement)

IFT NO: 32/ 2023-24 **Date : 27-02-2024**

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-3 (two cover system) Contractors has registered in PWD Department Class-3 & above can apply under head of account 3054-03-102-0-01-200-SH Bridge & "3054-04-337-1-10-200 MDR Road in **Shimoga & Bhadravathi tq 02 works. Maximum Amount put to tender is. Rs. 75.00 Lakhs & Minimum Amount put to tender is. Rs. 69.95 Lakhs and Maximum EMD amount is Rs. 1.50 lakhs & Minimum EMD amount is Rs. 1.40 lakhs. Time allowed for completion of work is 03 Months including Monsoon.** The tenderers may submit tenders through E-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz., http://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in). The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Section -2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal from **27-02-2024 to 05-03-2024 Last date for Receipt of Tender is on 05-03-2024 at 17.00 PM. The Technical bid will be opned on 06-03-2024 at 5.30 PM onwards and Financial bid will be opened after 07-03-2024 Onwards.** If there any changes in publication, it will be puplishing through E-Procurement only. For more information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

DIPR/SMG/No.239-02 zenkar/2023-24

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
PWD Special Division, Shimoga.

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Ashok D K, 2) Mrs. Jayalakshmamma, 3) Mrs. Pushpalatha, W/o. Mr. Ashok DK	Loan Account No. 45359430001010 Lona Amount: Rs.10,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property Bearing Khaneshumari No.160, Gramatana Katha No.160, PID Kattha No.150200200700200171, Situated at Dasanapura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently comes under the limits of Dasanapura Grama Panchayath and **Bounded on: East by:** Property of Narayanappa, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Property of Muniswamaiah, **South by:** Road. Measuring East to West 18.22 meters and North to South: 14.90 mtrs, in all Measuring 271.48 sq.meters.	Date of NPA: 01-02-2024 Demand Notice Date: 28-02-2024	Rs.4,87,288.85 (Rupees Four Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Eight and Eighty Five Paisa Only) due as on 26-02-2024

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 01.03.2024, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

Office of The Executive Engineer, PWD Special Division, Shivamogga

Short-Term Tender Cancellation Notice I.F.T. No.:31/2023-24
Date: 27.02.2024

Short-Term Tender Cancellation Notice

Ref.: 1) I.F.T. No.:31/2023-24, Date: 23.02.2024

Tender of work of Sl. No.1 in the Tender invited vide Tender Notice of this office of Ref. (1) has been cancelled due to unavoidable technical reasons. For further information contact this office during office hours (Phone No.: 08182-222942).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Special Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/No.250/02/ksmca/23-24/1425

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests and Director
Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, Hunsur

No: B4/LND/RB/Tender/CR-27/2023-24 Dated: 27.02.2024
Ph:08222-252041 e-mail –dirnagarahole@aranya.gov.in

Tender Notification

E-Tenders for the works in Metikuppe Wildlife Range of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve (NTR) for the year 2023-24 are invited through e-procurement portal (http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka from competent firms for the following works subjected to KW-4 terms and conditions.

Description of Work: Erection of railway barricade work including procurement and transportation of used rails **Quantity:** 1.30 Km(1 Unit) **Amount (Rs. In Lakhs):** 214.98

(*Subject to release of funds from Govt.)

Last date of receipt of tender through e-portal: 04.03.2024 upto 17:30 hrs. If no contractors participate on 04.03.2024; re-tender will held on 11.03.2024 upto 17:30 hrs. No further notification will be published regarding Re-Tender. For more information contact the under signed office on working hours. Phone: 08222-252041 e-mail ID : dirnagarahole@aranya.gov.in

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests & Director

DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/1195/2023-24

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGCO25521)

No.EEE/BMWND/AEE-3/AE-3/2023-24/5296 Dated: 29.02.2024

PUBLIC CAUTION NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public that, newly laid "**66kV, 1000 sq.mm SC UG cable from existing 220/66/11kV Dabaspete Receiving Station up to proposed 66kV cable termination tower in Sompura Industrial Area, Dobbaspete "** passes through the following villages such as Dobbaspete village limits , Sompura village limits and NHAI corridor. The UG cable line has been planned to energize **on or after 01.03.2024.**

Hence the General public/Village panchayat's/State Government /Private Organization are hereby informed to keep away from the above EHT UG cable route and not to undertake any excavation in the above UG cable route.

Any untoward incidents or accidents which may occur during the course of excavation/executing work by anybody/agency along the cable route without following guidelines, **the KPTCL will not be held responsible** and damage charges for the KPTCL assets shall be bourne by the executing body/ agency only.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer (Ele),
Bengaluru Major Works North Division,
KPTCL, A. R. Circle, Bengaluru-560 009.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of The Executive Engineer (South Zone & Bommanahalli Constituency) Lakes Division, Room No. 309, 3rd Floor, New Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002

No.: EE-South Zone & BC/(Lakes)/TN-06/2023-24 Date : 29-02-2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Short Term Tender Notification - Two Cover Tender)
(Through GOK Karnataka Procurement Portal Only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the works mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Improvement to Agara Lake, Bommanahalli Zone. **Value of work : Rs. 200 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 3,00,000/-**

(1) Bid documents can be downloaded from **02.03.2024** from the website : **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in (2)** Tenders must be submitted online through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal on or before **16.00 hours on 11.03.2024 (3)** Technical Bids will be opened on the website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in in the office of the Executive Engineer (South), Lakes, BBMP on **12.03.2024 at 16.30 hours. (4)** Pre-bid Meeting which will take place at Office of the Executive Engineer (Lakes-South Zone), BBMP on **07.03.2024 at 16.00 hours.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South Zone & Bommanahalli Constituency) Lakes Division

THE KARNATAKA STATE CO-OPERATIVE APEX BANK LTD

No.1, "Uthunga", Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapete, Bengaluru-18, Ph : 26676325, 26983700, 22976600, 22976622, 22976656, 22976651
E-mail: recoverycell@karnatakaapex.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8(1)] **(For Immovable Property)**

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated **10.10.2023** calling upon the Borrower; **Sri D.S. Raghupathi,** S/o.D.S. Somashekar, No.143, BRR Layout, Somashekar Compound, Doddabanasavadi, Bengaluru-560 043, **Guarantors; (1) Sri Suresh S.B.,** S/o.Bhadrappa, No.521, 1st Main Road, 5th Cross, East of NGEF, Kasturinagar, Bengaluru-560043, Also at: Shankar M Varipalli Neeragantipalli, Chikkaballapur, Karnataka-561207, **(2) Sri Prakash Reddy A.,** S/o.Annaiah Reddy A., No.654/1, Prakash Nilayam, A.Annaiah Reddy Layout, Near Banasawadi Bus Stop, Doddabanasawadi, Kalyanagar, Bengaluru-560043 to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being **Rs.19,81,504/-** (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Eighty One Thousand Five Hundred Four Only) as on **06.10.2023** together with future interest thereon at contractual rate of interest along with cost and charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **28th Day of February 2024.**

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., NGEF (East) Branch** for an amount of **Rs.19,81,504/-** (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Eighty One Thousand Five Hundred Four Only) as on **06.10.2023** together with future interest thereon at contractual rate of interest and costs and charges till the date of realization.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site Eastern Portion out of Site No.s 26 & 27, Katha No.164, Property No.2/1, situated at Doddabanasavadi, Banasawadi Dhakale, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore. This property comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring East to West 36 feet and North to South towards Eastern Side 28 feet and towards Western Side 23 feet in all measuring 918 Sq. feet with 4 Squares A C Sheet roofed house and bounded on: East by: Road,West by: Item No.1 allotted to Sri D.S. Prakash, North by: Donor's Remaining Property, South by: 6 feet Common Passage and Site No.24 & 25.

This schedule property consisting of 918 Sq. feet with 4 squares A C Sheet roofed house.

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date : 28.02.2024 **Karnataka State Co-operative Apex Bank Limited**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:CEE/TZ/KLB/Civil/2023-24/16807 Date:28.02.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited Invites 10 no's of Civil Engineering Works in Transmission Zone, Kalaburagi on Total turnkey basis.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **04.03.2024.** Other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Elec).,
Transmission Zone, KPTCL,
Prasarana Bhavana, Sedam Road, Kalaburagi

ಶುದ್ಧ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರ ಕಳೆದಿದೆ

ಶ್ರೀ ಆಂಜನ್ಯಾಮಿ, ಲೇಟ್ ಮುದ್ದರಂಗನ್ಯಾಮಿ, ನಂ.124, 7ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, 2ನೇ ಹಂತ, ಬಸವೇಶ್ವರನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560079, ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಳಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಯಂ ವಾಸವಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ನಿವೇಶನವನ್ನು ಕೆ.ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಹೌಸಿಂಗ್ ಬೋರ್ಡ್) ನಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02-11-01989 ರಂದು (ರಜಿಸ್ಟಾರ್ ನಂ. 3255/1989-90)ನ ಮೂಲಕ ವೇಣುಗೋಪಾಲ್ ರವರು ಖರೀದಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು ತದ ನಂತರ ವೇಣುಗೋಪಾಲ್‌ರವರಿಂದ ನಮ್ಮ ತಾಯಿಯವರಾದ ಶಾರದರವರಿಗೆ ಶುದ್ಧ ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರದ ಮೂಲಕ ಬಂದಂತಹ ಸ್ವತ್ತಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ನಮ್ಮ ತಾಯಿಯ ಮರಣದ ನಂತರ ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರಿಗೆ ಖಾತೆ ಖಾತೆ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಆದರೆ ನಮ್ಮ ತಾಯಿಯವರ ಹೆಸರಿಗೆ ಬಂದಂತಹ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು ಇದ್ದು, ಕೆ.ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಹೌಸಿಂಗ್ ಬೋರ್ಡ್)ನಿಂದ (ರಜಿಸ್ಟಾರ್ ನಂ. 3255/1989-90) ವೇಣುಗೋಪಾಲ್ ರವರಿಗೆ ಬಂದಂತಹ ಶುದ್ಧ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರವು ಈ ಹಿಂದೆ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದು,ಮನೆ ಖಾಲಿ ಮಾಡುವ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರದ ಪ್ರತಿ ಕಳೆದುಹೋಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಮೂಲ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರ ಯಾರಿಗಾದರೂ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ತಲುಪಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ. ಮೇಲೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿಷಯಗಳು ಸತ್ಯವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ತಾ. 28.02.2024ರಂದು ಅಡ್ಯೊಕೇಟ್ ಮತ್ತು ನೋಟರಿ ಲೋಕೇಶ್, ಬಿ.ಎ, ಎಲ್.ಎಲ್.ಬಿ ಅವರ ಮುಂದೆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣೀಕರಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
 # 49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-59/875/2023-24 **Date:29.02.2024**

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Class-III & above (Civil) issued from KPWD, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work of Construction of Asphalt Road, Drain, Retaining Wall Connecting from newly Constructed Concrete Road via Balepuni Village to Canara Industrial Area approach road in Ullal Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **15.03.2024** upto **04.30** pm.

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/3973/Zen/2023-24 **Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru**

Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINANCE LTD)
Registered Office : No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002.

DEMAND NOTICE - NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed loan from Equitas Housing Finance Limited (EHFL) / Equitas Finance Limited (EFL) / Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFB). The said borrower/s had/have failed to pay Installments and their loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by RBI. The details of the secured immovable propert/ties, loan and the amounts outstanding as on date payable by the borrower/s are mentioned below. The borrower(s) and the public in general are informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and not to deal with the said property. on failure to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same

SR NO	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)(NAME OF THE BRANCH)	13(2) Notice Date Claim Amount	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
1	**BRANCH - Hsr Layout Loan No - SEHRLYT0416087 BORROWER - MRS. SUMA LS GUARANTOR - MUNIYAMMA, PRAKASH BL**	**06-02-2024 & 3087905**	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Khatha No. 623, Assessment No. 62/3, Site No.11, Situated at Mallasandra village, Yashavanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Bengalore, measuring in east to west 30 feet and North to south 35 feet in total 1050 sq feet. BBMP ward 13, North by: Site No. 10, South by: Site No. 12, East by : 20 feet Road, West by: Property belongs to Lakshminarasamma. Measurement: East to west 11.80 Meter and North to South 15.20 fmeter in total 179.38 sq meter. Situated at within the Sub-registration District of Laggeri and Registration. District of Bangalore.
2	**BRANCH - Mallathali Loan No - SEMLATL0252017 BORROWER - MR. RAMASAMY S N GUARANTOR - SASIKALA R**	**06-02-2024 & 759824**	All that piece and parcel of property site no, 13, block III, formed out of Sy.no.280, duly converted by deputy commissioner, Bangalore district, in his order no B.DIS LN.SR (S) 147/2003 - 04 date panchayath 25.8.2003 bearing, village Khatha no.593, House list no.1183. situated at vishwapriya layout begur village, begur hobli, Bengaluru south taluk, comes under BBMP limits. And bounded on : East by: site no.8, West by: Road, North by: site no.12, South by: Road, Measuring: 40X30 sq.ft, 1200 sq.ft.
3	**BRANCH - R.T.Nagar Loan No - SERTNAG0162580 BORROWER - MR. SYED AZHAR GUARANTOR - RUKSANA TABASSUM, SHAKILA BANU**	**06-02-2024 & 628420**	All the piece and parcel of immovable property bearing eastern portion residential site no.3 assessment no.31/6, BBMP property No.31/6/3. Situated at nagawara village, rashad nagar, kasaba hobli, Bengaluru north taluk, measuring from east to west 15.9ft and north to south 33ft, total extent 524.7, North by: site no.12, South by: remaining portion site no.3, East by: private property, West by: 20ft Road. Measurement: east to west 15.9ft and north to south 33ft, total extent 524.7 Situated at within the sub-registration district of gandhinagar (kacharakanahalli) and registration district of Bengaluru.

Date - 01.03.2024, Place - Bangalore **Authorized officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd**

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

Office of The Regional Transport Officer, Jnanabharathi, Bengaluru- 560 110

Sl. No.: RTO/J.B./Blr/N.T./2023-24 Date: 28.02.2024

PUBLIC OPEN AUCTION NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the public that the motor vehicles mentioned below were seized by the Inspection personnel for not presenting tax paid receipts and other original documents during inspection and have been kept in the office premises for safekeeping. Drivers or owners of the vehicles or hypothecators (HPA) have not come forward with tax paid documents to the office to get the vehicles released. Since the vehicles have not got released for a long period, it is inevitable that the below mentioned vehicles from Sl. No. 01 to 29 are being auctioned in public as per Karnataka Motor Vehicles Taxation Act Section – 11 (A) and the amount credited to the Government in lieu of tax arrears and penalty. Hence this Notice is issued for public auction of vehicles.

Place of Auction: Office of The Regional Transport Officer, Jnanabharathi Campus.
Date: 18.03.2024. Time: 3.00 PM.

(1) KA03B5240, MAXI CAB, 13.05.2004 **(2)** AR202277, AITOB, Chasis No. as per Vehicle: MB1PBEJC7CEVJ1767 **(3)** KA12A2436, MAXI CAB, 18.03.2010 **(4)** KA409748, L/TAXI, 09.07.2013 **(5)** KA03D1235, MGV, 07.03.2008 **(6)** KA526732, EIB, 05.12.2011 **(7)** KA53 4319, MGV, 01.09.2007 **(8)** KA02AB8298, MAXI CAB, 05.07.2004 **(9)** KA03AB9304, M/ CAB, 09.03.2015 **(10)** KA41A4605, PSV, 10.07.2012 **(11)** KA50A0623, L/TAXI, 04.08.2014 **(12)** KA01AA9253, HGV, 26.10.2011 **(13)** KA01JA6481, M/CY, 06.08.2018 **(14)** KA05EZ7962, M/CY, 10.04.2006, **(15)** KA41W3494, M/CY, 17.08.2012 **(16)** KA02EX1341, M/CY, 16.11.2006 **(17)** CNN2509, M/CY, 03.03.1987 **(18)** M/CY, Chasis No. as per Vehicle: MB8CF4CAGC8174991 20.07.2011 **(19)** KA01V5521, M/CY,16.06.2003 **(20)** TN23CZ6482, M/CY, 08.02.2016 **(21)** KA05M7238, LMV, 29.06.1994 **(22)** Chasis No. as per Vehicle: MAT446048A9A01932, LMV, 26.01.1996 **(23)** KA05AB4189, A/R, 12.11.2008 **(24)** KA05B9640, A/R, 08.10.2003 **(25)** KA416706, A/R, 01.10.2008 **(26)** KA02D9202, A/R, 28.12.2007 **(27)** KA06 9024, LGV, 22.07.1997 **(28)** KA01B9190, LGV, 14.07.2006 **(29)** KA41G0999, LMV, 20.06.2008

Terms and Conditions of Auction:

1. Those interested in participating in the open auction commencing at **3.00 PM on 18.03.2024** should register their names **within 3.00 PM on 18.03.2024** by submitting a D.D. for **Rs. 5,000/-** separately as advance E.M.D. to Regional Transport Officer, Bengaluru and can participate in the auction after registering the name and other details in TIN.
2. The vehicles are parked in the above mentioned place and can be inspected during office hours.
3. Successful bidders will have to pay 50% of the auction amount on the spot and pay the balance within 07 days from the date of auction and pay GST to their TIN number and take possession of the vehicle at their own cost.
4. Bidders will have to pay the document fees, taxes etc. of the vehicle purchased.
5. Bidders will have to pay the G.S.T. and any other taxes, fees as per rules based on the purchase value of the vehicle.
6. E.M.D. amount will be received only in the form of D.D. from any nationalized/scheduled bank.
7. The vehicles which are being disposed will be auctioned on as is, where is, in the existing mechanical condition.
8. Bidders of vehicles which have not been registered/transferred will have to pay the bid amount and later pay the taxes, cess, penalty as per the original invoice along with the auction bid amount and get the vehicle registered/transferred.
9. Bidders should compulsorily provide their photo ID, mobile number and address proof.
10. During the auction process if the vehicle owner or hypothecator pay the tax + penalty such vehicles will be removed from the auction.
11. Regional Transport Officer, Jnanabharathi, Bengaluru-560 110 has the authority to take decision to reject/cancel/postpone/accept any questions in the auction.

For further information in this regard, officers can be contacted during office hours. Phone No.: 080-23286712/13 or 9449864041.

Sd/- Regional Transport Officer
DIPR/DD-C.P/3925/KSMCA/2023-24

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TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 32/23-24 DT: 29.02.2024
(Through e- procurement Portal only)

Tender is invited by "The Dy.General Manager (Materials)" for the procurement of following items from reputed manufacturers/ authorized dealers as detailed below.

Sl No	Description	Approx value Rs. in Lakhs	EMD in Rs.
1	Supply of Grizzly supporting frame for Rock Breaker Bin. **HGML/2023-24/IND0150.**	59.76	1,20,000/-
2	Supply Of Sag Mill And Crushing Plant Conveyor Belts. **HGML/2023-24/IND0160.**	55.57	1,11,000/-
3	Supply of Grizzly liners for MS 2800L Rock breaker Bin. **HGML/2023-24/IND0168.**	45.40	91,000/-
4	Design, Engineering, Manufacture, supply, Erection and Commissioning of 30 MT Double Girder Gantry crane for Circular shaft at Hutti Gold mines Co.Ltd on turnkey basis. **HGML/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT52/CALL-3.**	45.00	90,000/-
5	Supply Of Polythene Sheet (Ldpe Sheet 250 Microns). **HGML/2023-24/IND0161.**	35.40	71,000/-
6	Supply Of Sag Mill Discharge End Pulp Lifters. **HGML/2023-24/IND0170.**	33.95	68,000/-
7	Supply Of Sag Mill Upper Discharge Cone Liner. **HGML/2023-24/IND0172.**	26.86	54,000/-
8	Supply of CCTV cameras and accessories. **HGML/2023-24/IND0171.**	17.69	44,000/-
9	Supply of Cotton Hand Gloves 18 inch. **HGML/2023-24/IND0178.**	11.22	28,000/-

Calendar of Events:
(1) Last date for receipt of tender: **15.03.2024 at 4.00 P.M**
(2) Opening of Technical Bid on: **18.03.2024 at 10.00 A.M**

For further details interested bidders are advised to logon to website **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of undersigned during working hours. For participating in the above tender bidder needs to be registered in e-procurement portal.

Sd/- General Manager (Tech)

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Government of India
Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE)
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FORM No. STK - 6
PUBLIC NOTICE

[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016)

Public Notice No.ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/1024 **Date: -14.02.2024**

Reference:

(1) In the matter of striking off or removal of names **38** of companies in the State of **Karnataka** under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

S. No	Work Item	CIN	Company Name
1	AA6781355	U51909KA2018PTC109519	MANGALORE BIOTECH PRIVATE LIMITED
2	AA6711488	U72900KA2018PTC114806	FIDZEAL SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
3	AA6653986	U21014KA1995PTC018466	M R K ENGINEERS PRIVATE LIMITED
4	AA6645989	U74140KA2004PTC034808	RAPID GLOBAL ENGINEERING EXPORTS PRIVATE LIMITED
5	AA6705365	U73200KA2010PTC053966	VEL RESEARCH & ANALYTICS PRIVATE LIMITED
6	AA6738201	U85100KA2011PTC060255	I2C HEALTHCARE PRIVATE LIMITED
7	AA6591221	U32204KA2011PTC060178	CIRCUIT MAKERS PRIVATE LIMITED
8	AA6700220	U72900KA2014PTC076429	817 CONNECT SOUTH ASIA PRIVATE LIMITED
9	AA6669244	U72400KA2014PTC074904	EQUALIZE CONSULTECH PRIVATE LIMITED
10	AA6737563	U35303KA2007PTC043737	DRONE AEROSPACE SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED
11	AA6655584	U74900KA2014PTC072956	QRD CORP PRIVATE LIMITED
12	F59642587	U45205KA2015PTC081281	KGES INFRA PRIVATE LIMITED
13	AA6742999	U74999KA2017PTC103138	GIGGLES FUNSCHOOLING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER PRIVATE LIMITED
14	AA6750775	U63040KA2018PTC114226	PAYANA WORLD HOLIDAYS PRIVATE LIMITED
15	AA6664629	U72900KA2018PTC111677	DEPOT TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
16	AA6635252	U74999KA2018PTC116003	LEAPPOINT ANALYTICS PRIVATE LIMITED
17	AA6657907	U74999KA2018FTC118915	WIZNET INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
18	AA6694137	U18109KA-2019OPC123544	SANVIKA FASHIONS (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
19	AA6714503	U72501KA-2019OPC123509	CUMES DIGITAL SERVICES (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
20	AA6531852	U29100KA2019PTC126690	YANIRA SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
21	AA6624694	U18109KA2020PTC133309	MCHOICE PRIVATE LIMITED
22	AA6680051	U22300KA2020PTC134190	NOVA MEDIA TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
23	AA6659740	U51909KA2020PTC134168	SRI DHANVANTRI HEALTH CARE PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED
24	AA6632962	U45309KA2019PTC130789	GKR AND MAHESH INFRA PRIVATE LIMITED
25	AA6653395	U72200KA2020PTC139960	DIGITALSCOUTS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
26	AA6677747	U24246KA20210PC143250	PURELUSH SKINCARE (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
27	AA6592277	U52520KA2021PTC147607	WASABI LABS PRIVATE LIMITED
28	AA6712327	U74999KA2021PTC145957	RETAIL BRIGADE PRIVATE LIMITED
29	AA6715882	U92490KA2021FTC155106	YOU NEED CONTENTS PRIVATE LIMITED
30	AA6715670	U73100KA2022PTC162724	WAVEFLUX TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
31	AA6621780	U72900KA2022PTC162447	VIROM TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
32	AA6547360	U72900KA2022FTC168022	NEUGITAL TECHNOLOGY PRIVATE LIMITED
33	AA6754341	U72900KA2022PTC168317	AVNAVI SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
34	AA6624184	U63030KA2023PTC170437	A2TRIPZ N TRAVEL SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
35	AA6736240	U70200KA2023PTC175198	INFINIPRO SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
36	AA6747728	U68100KA2023PTC178186	DREAMHARBOUR INFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED
37	AA6774698	U72900KA20210PC153036	SFINTELLI SOLUTIONS (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
38	AA6719959	U17299KA2021PTC145323	MCORE CONSUMER PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED

(2). Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under sub-section (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.

(3) Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.

(4) Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off of name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

(Harihara Sahoo)
Registrar
Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit

CBC 07123/11/0466/2324

"The disruptive and sabotaging warfare today is intended for a bigger war tomorrow. In China, there is a saying—give him an inch, and he will take a foot

Zhou Enlai

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— Ramnath Goenka

REFRAME LIFE AND SCHOOLING GOALS TO REDUCE HEALTH RISKS

ZERODHA founder Nithin Kamath's social media post on having suffered a mild stroke has turned the focus back on health issues afflicting the relatively young. Nithin is 44 and a self-acclaimed fitness enthusiast. Sandalwood matinee idol Puneeth Rajkumar, who loved working out at the gym, suffered a heart attack at age 46. Stroke and heart attack, once considered the worries of senior citizens, are becoming increasingly common across age groups—and they are not confined to couch potatoes. If we were once worried that desk jobs brought on a bouquet of lifestyle disorders like diabetes, high cholesterol and obesity, tenuous links are now being established between regular gym workouts and sudden heart attacks. This triggers a big question: to gym or not to gym?

Forty-six out of every lakh of Indians in the 19-49 age group suffer strokes; one in five heart attack patients are younger than 40—and both these numbers are on the rise in the post-Covid era. Strokes and heart attacks were once thought to be the result of an unhealthy cocktail of poor diet, sedentary lifestyle, smoking, substance use and overconsumption of alcohol. But the causative factors could be more complex—a clue may lie in Nithin's post, which cited stress and lack of sleep. Among the host of risk factors that the young deal with these days, the most deadly appears to be stress—termed a 'silent killer'—while sleep deprivation is a new epidemic that the medical world is grappling with. Stress has become a part of childhood too, and our education system is responsible in no small measure. What should be a carefree period of life is fraught with the apprehension of securing good scores. The Indian system could take a leaf or two out of the Japanese style of schooling, which focuses on knowledge and not grades.

Which brings us to a crucial question: Is the stress, hypertension and sleepless nights worth the chimera that the human race is chasing? Especially now that it is established that Covid enhances the chance of heart attacks and strokes. Reducing the risks of stroke starts with small everyday choices such as eating healthy, getting more exercise and better sleep. Experts advise taking a step back and focusing on a slower, holistic lifestyle, and striking a work-life balance. Head honchos, too, must to take a break to chase butterflies.

PAWAN FACES BACKLASH, TROUBLING TDP PACT

IT is common for politicians to rebel and switch sides if their aspirations are frustrated. In Andhra Pradesh, this routine is playing out among the ruling YSRC, opposition TDP and the latter's ally, actor Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena. While the YSRC and TDP are going about the issue with clarity and maturity, Jana Sena is facing a severe backlash. This has implications not only for the actor, but also the TDP.

The TDP conceded 24 assembly and three Lok Sabha seats to its ally. It is in talks with the BJP as well to seal a tri-partite deal. Its calculation is that the alliance would have a good chance of dislodging Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy. It is banking on the star power of Pawan Kalyan and his community, the Kapu, to swing the votes. Jana Sena's vote share is expected to go up from the 5.5 percent it clocked in 2019. In addition, given the hype surrounding Pawan Kalyan, his followers expected more out of the alliance. Hence the uproar following the pact should have been anticipated; but it seems both the star and his close aides are taken aback. Many of his cadre and Kapu community leaders are visibly upset, accusing him of working only to make TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu the chief minister. Pawan did himself no favours by asking them not to question him. What he has conveniently ignored is that many followers stuck to him over the last decade in the hope of seeing their own prospects soar one day alongside the party's. What is even more appalling is his admission that his party has no organisational strength, viable candidates or booth agents in every constituency—which only points to his and his aides' failure in the last, or rather the lost, decade.

If the BJP, which we understand is reluctant to bolster the TDP, comes around, it will only be on its own terms, unlike the Jana Sena. Though the BJP's vote share is marginal, it is likely to bargain hard for seats, making things a bit difficult for the TDP. With these factors playing out, it is no wonder that some TDP leaders are ruing the very idea of the alliance. If Pawan fails to control the flames of dissent, vote transfer would remain a pipe dream.

QUICK TAKE

MORE EARS TO THE BUD

IT'S two decades since journalist Ben Hammersley coined the term podcast as a portmanteau of iPod and broadcast. Steve Jobs started gushing about the format and George W Bush became the first president to deliver a weekly podcast. It caught on in the Anglophone world. Indians, though late admirers, started lending their ears in numbers a decade later. So much so that consultancy PwC estimated India was the third largest podcast market in 2019 after the US and China. This wide world of the spoken word has immense scope in a rapidly urbanising country with long commutes. If you haven't been charmed yet, you might want to give it a chance.

China's expansionism in Taiwan and South China Sea flows from a self-image that's in play in Doklam and Tibet too. India should enhance its ties with Taiwan

HOW TO TRAIN OUR SIGHTS ON THE DRAGON

MANISH TEWARI

Member of parliament, lawyer, and former I&B minister

SOURAV ROY

THE recent Taiwanese elections have resulted in a mixed outcome where everyone is both a winner and a loser. The pro-West Democratic Progressive Party's (DPP) presidential candidate, William Lai, won the presidential election. However, the DPP lost its majority in the legislature, where the pro-China Kuomintang (KMT) and Taiwan People's Party (TPP) won enough seats to ensure that their support is needed for the passage of any legislation. This hung parliament with contradicting ideologies will have consequences for the archipelago state, as it is juxtaposed against a belligerent People's Republic of China that questions its very existence as an independent and autonomous Westphalian entity.

Taiwan is approximately 380 km long and 160 km wide. Despite its small size, it is home to around 24 million people. It also holds an immensely important strategic position in the Indo-Pacific region, situated between China, Japan and the Philippines, playing a pivotal role in Indo-Pacific trade.

Additionally, Taiwan is the world's largest producer of semiconductors, accounting for over 60 percent of the global production, with a direct impact on the global supply chain for microchips used in smartphones, cars, medical equipment, aircraft, and countless other electronic systems. Thus, any forcible regime change in Taiwan that threatens the status quo shall have far-reaching consequences for the global market. That is why it is said that China is protected by the Silicon Shield.

The conflict between China and Taiwan is a clash of two distinct perspectives. To gain a better understanding, some historical context is essential. The initial inhabitants of Taiwan were the aboriginal Austronesian people who settled on the archipelago. Han Chinese gradually encountered the natives in the late 13th century and began settling there by the 17th century.

During this time, the Dutch expelled the Spanish from Taiwan and colonised the islands, while the Qing dynasty defeated the Ming to gain control over China. Consequently, the Ming general Koxinga retreated to Taiwan, where he defeated the Dutch and established himself as the governing authority. Subsequently, Koxinga ceded power to the Qing, and Taiwan became a province of the Qing empire.

The Qing maintained control of Taiwan until 1895, when Japan defeated them in the First Sino-Japanese War. The Qing were compelled to surrender Taiwan to Japan according to the Treaty of Shimonoseki. Imperial Japan governed Taiwan for 50 years until their defeat in the Second World War, after which the island was handed over to the Republic of China.

China was in the midst of an ongoing war between the Chinese Communist Party and the Nationalist Kuomintang. In 1949, the Communists won the Civil War, forcing the Kuomintang under Chiang Kai-Shek to retreat to Taiwan. This resulted in the presence of two Chinas: the People's Republic of China on the mainland and the Republic of China on Taiwan, both claiming stake to each other's territory.

The Taiwanese democratic impulse was forged in the wake of the Kaohsiung Incident of 1979, where Taiwanese citizens openly opposed the authoritarian policies of the KMT. The democratisation of the island gave rise to a new vision of Taiwanese identity. The people of Taiwan perceived this as the first time in their history that they had the power of self-determination. They regarded all other entities, including the original KMT, as foreign forces.

This perception is intrinsic to the Democratic Progressive Party, which advocates for the independence and international recognition of Taiwan. On the other hand, the KMT advocates for forging better ties with China, with the ultimate objective of reunification with the mainland.

On the other hand, China's perspective is built on the revanchist instinct to reclaim all its territories lost due to the interference of the European imperial powers. China views the period from 1839 to 1948 as its 'Century of Humiliation'. During this period, the Chinese state suffered from foreign imperialism and colonialism, leading to the undermining of the Middle Kingdom. In order to rebuild China, the Chinese Communist Party has always aimed to re-extend China's borders and influence to those that existed during the Qing dynasty. This accounts for the misplaced attempt by China at expansionism in the South China Sea, Doklam, Tibet and Taiwan. China believes that Taiwan is its territory, taken from it in a moment of weakness, and it will employ all means to ensure that Taiwan reunifies with the mainland.

However, this is easier said than done. In the early months of 1944, the US Joint Chiefs of Staff conceptualised two war plans to accelerate the march towards Japan.

While General Douglas MacArthur was a proponent of advancing towards the Philippines and capturing Luzon, admirals Chester Nimitz and Ernest King, General George C Marshall, and Army Air Force Chief of Staff Henry H Arnold advocated bypassing Luzon and seizing Taiwan. The name given to the proposed invasion of Japan, then called Formosa, was Operation Causeway. The option was ultimately given up by the military top brass due to the high human cost and risks estimated.

There is a world of a difference between 1944 and 2024 in terms of Taiwan's ability to defend itself and how any aggression on it would become a litmus test for the entire Indo-Pacific interests of a large number of nations involved. While the Taiwan Straits crisis of 1996 became the trigger for China's military modernisation after the US sailed two aircraft carrier battle groups through the Straits to send a clear message that Taiwan's sovereignty had the US's strategic backing, notwithstanding the US's avowed 'One China' policy. The One China policy is distinct from the One China principle, by means of which China claims that Taiwan is an inalienable part of the mainland.

However, conversely it also sent a loud message to Taipei that it would also have to build a robust defensive capability coupled with a broader outreach to those countries who are subjected to extra-territorial claims by China. That is where India and Taiwan have a convergence of interests.

India is also combating China's aggressive moves along the Line of Actual Control or LAC. Moreover, China has managed to court India's neighbours and create a so-called String of Pearls to try and constrain India. New Delhi should improve its relations with Taiwan by enhancing its trade ties as the first step. A robust semiconductor industry is a necessary imperative for a developed India. There, a partnership with Taiwan would be critical to begin with.

(Views are personal)

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DOES AI DREAM OF DIGITAL SHEEP?

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IN Philip K Dick's *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* readers are introduced to a post-apocalyptic earth contaminated by radioactive debris from a global nuclear war. The war has resulted in the extinction of the majority of animals and increased the pressure on humans to emigrate to off-world colonies. The promise of a personal, extremely human-like android servant is used to motivate humans to leave the planet. However, as the androids start to rebel, they are prohibited from being on earth. But a number of these androids manage to escape. A policeman named Richard Deckard is tasked to take on the role of an android bounty hunter, to find and 'retire' the androids.

Beyond the ethics of the task itself, the novel's central concern is that of the place of androids and other extremely human-like autonomous systems. Are they sentient? Do they have a soul? And as Deckard asks himself, do androids dream?

While today's most advanced artificial intelligence (AI) systems—think of the ChatGPTs and Geminis—are far from achieving sentience or being capable of dreaming of a greater purpose, they do 'hallucinate'. These AIs are stochastic parrots that chatter convincingly without understanding and lack consciousness. They are trained using massive datasets that enable them to recognise, translate, predict, or generate text or other content.

However, they can also make things up and make claims that are untrue. This isn't a problem of bad inputs, but rather a function of the way large language models (LLMs), that underpin AI work, works. But who should be held accountable when things go wrong?

Where one's right is invaded or destroyed, the law gives a remedy to protect it or provides compensation (*ubi jus ibi remedium*). Thus, whenever an autonomous system goes wrong or causes harm, someone has to be held liable for the damage. Can the autonomous system itself be held responsible for the wrong then? But, if soul, sentience and salvation, much like the act of dreaming, are very human-like, how can a non-sentient system be held responsible?

While the need to assign responsibility and establish liability for AI is obvious, the idea that such systems be assigned legal persona—much like corporate entities—is quite new. At present, apart from humans, both private and public bodies can qualify as legal persons if the legislature attributes 'legal subjectivity' to them. Legal subjectivity is attributed by positive law, just like subjective rights depend on objective law. For instance, in the case of companies, the attribution results in the creation of a legal fiction, in the separation of ownership from the management of the entity and limits liability. This separation, pertinently, does not absolutely protect the humans behind the company from liability, as the 'corporate veil' can be lifted where the corporate form is being used for some manifestly improper or fraudulent purpose.

WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Richard Deckard, a character in a Philip K Dick novel that was made into a film, wondered whether androids dream. Today we know AIs hallucinate—they make up false things at times. Who should be held legally responsible in such cases?

However, unlike a company where the actual decisions are made by humans, in the case of an LLM, existence of hallucination would mean there is no application of mind by the human owning the LLM, but only an employment of a performative speech act that generates incorrect or misleading results. It is not a result of the capability to engage in intentional action and, thus, lacks legal agency. As such, without self-consciousness and autonomous agency, the attribution of legal persona, at present, is more of a political question.

How then to deal with the misleading information provided and breaches caused by such autonomous systems? A recent ruling in a Canadian civil resolution tribunal, in *Moffatt vs Air Canada*, which follows similar decisions in the US and Hong Kong, is a significant development. The case examines whether a company can be held responsible for inaccurate information given by an AI chatbot on its website. The ruling states that a firm can be held responsible for false statements and misleading information (caused by hallucinations) provided by a chatbot on a publicly accessible commercial website. According to the tribunal, "The applicable standard of care requires a company to take reasonable care to ensure their representations are accurate and not misleading." It further held that the chatbot, as asserted by Air Canada, could not be considered a separate entity and thus be absolved of liability.

This is so as an electronic agent—a chatbot employed by a person—is a tool of that person, the court held. Ordinarily, the employer of a tool is responsible for the results from its use because the tool has no independent volition. When computers are involved, the requisite intention flows from the programming and use.

Blaming the employer for the actions of his tool, in such cases, does not exhibit a dislike for technology, but reflects the fact that the autonomous system functions solely based on the information and instructions provided. The employer is thus to be placed under a duty of care to monitor the autonomous system employed and prevent any damage resulting from its use, the court ruled. Moreover, holding the employer liable for the actions of the autonomous system also seems practicable as it provides legal clarity for the victim.

When seen as a tool, there is little trouble in attributing the consequences of hallucinations and resulting actions of an LLM to the company that employs it.

(Views are personal)

MAILBAG

WRITE TO: letters@newindianexpress.com

Wayanad seat

Ref: *Wayanad seat tests India bloc unity in Kerala* (Feb 29). The editorial says the Congress is on a stickier wicket with the BJP increasingly eating into its vote share. I disagree with this assessment. Its recent victories in local body elections show Congress is well-organised in the state and is fully capable of retaining the seats it won in 2019, even without Rahul contesting from Wayanad.

V O Harindranathan, Chennai

Scientific temper

Ref: *Scientific temper, a dream still far from realisation* (Feb 29). Cultivating an open mind and a scientific temperament is crucial in this age of misinformation. Unfortunately, many people fall for fake news on social media. They take them without questioning. A scientific temper is not just for scientists, it is relevant to everyone in their day-to-day lives.

Disha Banthia, email

Revamp education

Science is a rational process for the discovery of the truth. There is a well-known verse in our Upanishads: *Tamaso Ma Jyotirgamaya*, which means to lead me from darkness (ignorance) to the light (enlightenment). Scientific temperament leads to knwoledge. A reason for the lack of it is our school education system that emphasises on memorising.

Buddha Jagdish Rao, Visakhapatnam

Make in India

Ref: *Defence leads drive to innovate and Make in India* (Feb 29). A large country like India should have its own defence manufacturing capabilities. The indigenisation drive will go a long way in achieving this. When we have world-class institutions like the IITs and a large cohort of capable scientists, there is no reason to depend on others.

Ravi Nair, Kollengode

Gaza toll

Ref: *Gaza death toll nears 30,000* (Feb 29). Sad to read that close to 30,000 people have been killed in Israel's attacks on Palestine that began as retaliation to Hamas' October 7 attacks. Watching such a large-scale tragedy unfold, one wonders where humanity is.

Jaisal K P, Malappuram

Stars dropped

I was disappointed to read that the BCCI has dropped Shreyas Iyer and Ishan Kishan from contracts for ignoring domestic cricket. They have contributed greatly to the team in white-ball cricket. Dropping such eminent players could have been avoided. They may have chosen to avoid domestic cricket to manage their workload.

Perumalla Mani Kanta, Vizianagaram

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda
Incorporation of modern technology for farming 'from seed to market', economic cooperation, women empowerment etc have strengthened the rural economy.

Manish Tewari @ManishTewari
Have we become a fascist state that if you protest your passports will be cancelled? This is a first even by the very low bar that has been set to intimidate farmers.

Dr P Thiaga Rajan @ptrmadurai
TN had 5.54% real NSDP growth per capita CAGR against 4.43% for India. Why would anyone WANT to slow TN's growth by more than 1% every year, to come down to the Indian average?

Winnability, political background and people connect main criteria for candidate selection

First BJP list of 125 candidates ready

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AFTER hours of deliberations, the BJP at a meeting of its Central Election Committee (CEC) on Thursday reportedly cleared the names of potential candidates for over 125 Lok Sabha seats, including many high-profile ones such as Varanasi, Gandhinagar and Lucknow.

The CEC has 550-plus members and includes Prime Minister Narendra Modi, party chief JP Nadda, Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and CMs and deputy CMs of BJP-ruled states. The meeting went on for hours till late in the evening.

Party sources said if the first list of candidates is not decided till Thursday night, the party may release it the next day.

A prelude to the CEC meeting took place at PM's residence with Nadda, Shah and Modi going into a huddle. This meeting continued for nearly three hours where points of approvals for candidates were reportedly discussed.

The trio later went to the party headquarters. The CMs and deputy CMs of all BJP-ruled states attended the CEC meeting till late night.

The CEC, which puts the seal of approval on the party nominees for various elections reportedly approved the names of potential candidates for 100-125 LS seats in 18 states after hours of discussions.

Party sources said the CEC members conceded that the degree of "winnability" should be the primary factor for the selection of candidates. The Prime Minister reportedly emphasized the need for fielding candidates with a higher degree of winnability, a clean political background and a proven interface with the people at a time when the NDA is targeting 400-plus seats, with BJP alone projecting itself to cross 370 seats, out of the total 543.

The party chiefs of UP, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Telangana, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat and other states attended the meeting of the party's apex decision-making body with the lists of candidates. "The talks over the final names for 100-125 seats, including some of the VIP constituencies like Varanasi, Gandhinagar and Lucknow, went for hours with each member putting forth his suggestions. The PM and home minister were among others who suggested many points," said a senior party functionary.

He said there was no doubt on the continuation of Modi from Varanasi, Shah from Gandhinagar in Gujarat, Rajnath Singh from Lucknow. It was also discussed that Nitin Gadkari will contest from Nagpur, Smriti Irani from Amethi, Anurag Thakur from Hamirpur, Prahlad Joshi from Dharwad. Sources also said BJP leaders Ravi Kishan will fight from Gorakhpur, Subrat Pathak from Kannauj, and Sadhvi Niranjan from Fatehpur.

"It is being said there were prolonged discussions on candidates for seats identified as weak in the South and West Bengal," said a BJP leader.

The names shortlisted could be announced as early as Friday or a day later for more than 125 seats including dozens of those identified as weak ones.

Sources said the CEC also discussed the feedback of shortlisted candidates. It is believed that the party may field many RS MPs in the LS elections this time in addition to bringing new faces in the fray, also depending upon their winnability.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi being greeted by BJP president JP Nadda as he arrives for the BJP's Central Election Committee meeting in New Delhi on Thursday | PTI

25-30% of sitting MPs likely to be dropped

The BJP is learnt to have decided to drop several sitting MPs to make way for new faces this time, for reasons ranging from poor winnability, poor connect with people and old age, to changed social and caste equations in their respective seats. Sources hinted that it would not be surprising if the party drops around 25-30% of total sitting MPs this time.

No headway in Cong-Trinamool seat-sharing talks in Bengal

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

EVEN as the Congress stitched up alliances with INDIA bloc partners Aam Aadmi Party and Samajwadi Party for Lok Sabha seats in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh, there appears to be no headway in the seat-sharing talks with Trinamool Congress (TMC) in West Bengal, said sources aware of the matter.

Though Congress maintains that its doors are open for TMC, the Mamata Banerjee-led party has not budged from its stand of contesting solo in all the 42 LS seats, said a TMC leader.

Another TMC leader said that senior leaders of both parties are still in talks for the Tura parliamentary seat in Meghalaya, currently held by Agatha Sangma of the National People's Party. TMC got 28 per cent of votes from Tura in 2019.

"Even if the two parties decide to fight together in Meghalaya, it is unlikely that they will enter into an alliance in West Bengal," the leader said.

The talks hit a roadblock last month after Banerjee refused to part with more than two LS seats to the Congress. Though the Congress scaled down its demand to six seats from the earlier 10, TMC seems to be in no mood to agree to it.

3.4L CAPF men to be sent to sensitive areas from today

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

AHEAD of the Lok Sabha elections, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has directed the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) to mobilise troops in areas considered sensitive, officials in the know of the development said.

In the first phase, more than 3.4 lakh CAPF personnel will start moving to the sensitive areas from Friday (March 1) for familiarisation with the areas, the officials said.

Along with the general elections, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim will go for assembly polls for which the Election Commission is likely to announce dates soon.

"The plan is to mobilise around 2,000 companies as part of the pre-poll deployment in sensitive and hyper-sensitive constituencies beginning March 1. Another 1.5 lakh personnel will move through roads and rail as part of this mobilisation," an official said wishing not to be named.

"The first CAPF units will start reaching the states affected by left-wing extremism (LWE), and also West Bengal and Jammu and Kashmir by this weekend. The second batch of the forces is expected to start moving towards their areas of deployment from March 7. The last units will be sent in the second and third week of March," the official said.

MHA sources said the commanding officers of the units to be deployed have been directed to familiarise their troops about the areas they are going for polls duty apart from the instructions issued by the EC.

The troops of CAPF companies are drawn from CRPF, BSF, ITBP, CISF and SSB.

During a recent meeting with MHA officials, EC requisitioned over 3,400 companies of CAPFs and police forces to ensure free and fair polls.

2K CAPF companies in hyper-sensitive seats

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Food grain production up in FY24, pulses still a concern, shows govt data

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE government on Thursday released the second advance estimation of food production for the year 2023-24, showing an increase in food grain production, especially in rice and wheat. However, there are concerns regarding pulse production.

The Kharif food grain production is estimated at 1541.87 LMT, and Rabi food grain production is estimated at 1551.61 LMT for the year 2023-24. This second estimate of Kharif crop production is over 56 LMT higher than the first estimate.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has released the Second Advance Estimates of Major Agricultural Crops (Kharif & Rabi Season) for the year 2023-24. Starting from the previous agricultural year, summer has been segregated from the Rabi season. Therefore, this year's Second Advance Estimate of area, production, and yield includes only two seasons: Kharif and Rabi.

The government has estimated Kharif rice production at 1114.58 LMT compared to 1105.12 LMT in 2022-23, indicating an increase of 9.46 LMT. The current estimate of Rabi rice, yet to start harvesting, is estimated at 123.57 LMT. Similarly, though the harvesting of wheat is yet to commence, the government has estimated a bumper production. According to the second advance estimate, wheat production stands at 1120.19 LMT, which is higher by 14.65 LMT compared to the previous year's production of 1105.54 LMT.

However, there are concerns over the production of major pulses like Tur and Gram. The second advance estimation places the production of Tur at 33.39 LMT, which is approximately similar to last year's production of 33.12 LMT. Gram production is estimated at 121.61 LMT, marginally lower than the previous year but higher than the average Gram production from 2018-19 to 2022-23. Lentil production is estimated at 16.36 LMT, which is 0.77 LMT higher than the previous year's production of 15.59 LMT. The government estimates that the production of coarse grains is higher than the previous year.

Myanmar strife: Indian consulate staff in Sittwe shifted to Yangon

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

THE Indian consulate staff in Sittwe (capital of Rakhine state in Myanmar) has recently shifted to Yangon with the increasing incidents of attacks that has left many dead.

"The consulate in Sittwe is functional on a skeletal basis at present. It was challenging for members to remain there due to the volatile situation. They have moved to Yangon," said a source. Bangladesh too has moved its consulate staff in Sittwe and sent them to Yangon.

The Indian government on February 6 issued an advisory following the deteriorating law and order situation and disruption of communication network, advising Indian citizens to leave.

On February 29, the morning artillery shelling in the main market of Sittwe left 12 people dead and injured 80 others. The market is about 4 km from the Indian consulate.

"The artillery shelling by the State Administration Council (SAC) navy warship on Thursday into the Korean port market in Sittwe left 12 civilians dead. The United League of Arakan (ULA) on behalf of the people of Arakan would like to urge the international community and neighbouring countries to stand up against the SAC for committing such war crimes," read a statement issued by ULA on Thursday night.

Artillery shelling by the SAC which targets the ethnic group ULA has left many dead. Hospitals and schools have been razed and people have begun to flee. Bridges have been destroyed to prevent the ULA from entering Sittwe.

"Flying into Sittwe has become a nightmare for some travellers as the SAC is pulling out youngsters (18 years and above) to use them as conscripts in the army and this is very worrying," the source added.

Meanwhile, the ULA in a statement has urged Sittwe residents to keep vigil and be cautious before stepping out of their homes as the civilian population is increasingly under threat.

Representative image

Hospitals, schools razed

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The strife in Myanmar flared up after the military takeover in 2021. It has resulted in recurring, protracted and new displacement. Thousand have fled the country and 1.95 million people are currently displaced within Myanmar.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has said that this year, its focus inside Myanmar will be on delivering timely humanitarian assistance, strengthening community-based protection and resilience, and supporting and expanding pathways to durable solutions for displaced persons and stateless persons. "In response to the multi-faceted nature of the crisis, UNHCR will seek meaningful, predictable, and regular access to displaced communities, for both UNHCR and humanitarian partners," it said.

CABINET APPROVALS

Union Cabinet on Thursday approved proposals to fix subsidies on fertilisers and also creation of a global Big Cat Alliance. Here's a look at the decisions:

NUTRIENT-BASED SUBSIDIES (NBS)

₹24,420 crore tentative budget to fix NBS rates on Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilisers for 2024 kharif season (April 1-September 30)

SUBSIDY RATES OUTLOOK:

- Phosphorus ₹28.72 per kg (hiked from ₹20.82 per kg during 2023 rabi season)
- Nitrogen ₹47.02 per kg
- Potassium ₹2.38 per kg
- Sulphur ₹1.89 per kg

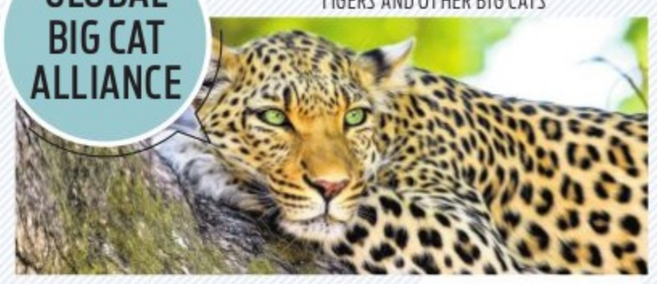
NOD FOR INCLUSION OF 3 NEW FERTILISER GRADES UNDER NBS SCHEME

SUBSIDY OUTLOOK

Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) at ₹1,350 per quintal	Muriate of Potash (MoP) at ₹1,670 per bag	Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium (NPK) at ₹1,470 per bag

GLOBAL BIG CAT ALLIANCE

CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL BIG CAT ALLIANCE (IBCA) TO SET UP A GLOBAL NETWORK TO CONSERVE TIGERS AND OTHER BIG CATS



One-time budgetary support of ₹150 crore for five years from 2023-28

India-headquartered IBCA will be a multi-country, multi-agency coalition of 96 big cat range countries to establish a common platform for conservation

OUT OF THE SEVEN BIG CATS (TIGER, LION, LEOPARD, SNOW LEOPARD, PUMA, JAGUAR AND CHEETAH), FIVE ARE FOUND IN INDIA

Fish on diet of 72.1% of Indians, shows ICAR study

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

A staggering 72.1% of the Indian population, which is equivalent to 966.9 million individuals, has been found to be incorporating fish into their diet, as per a new study.

Conducted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and international organisation WorldFish, the study shows notable transformation in non-vegetarian food consumption patterns among Indians.

However, India's per capita consumption remained far lower (7.89 kg) than the lower-middle income countries group where average per capita consumption is almost double.

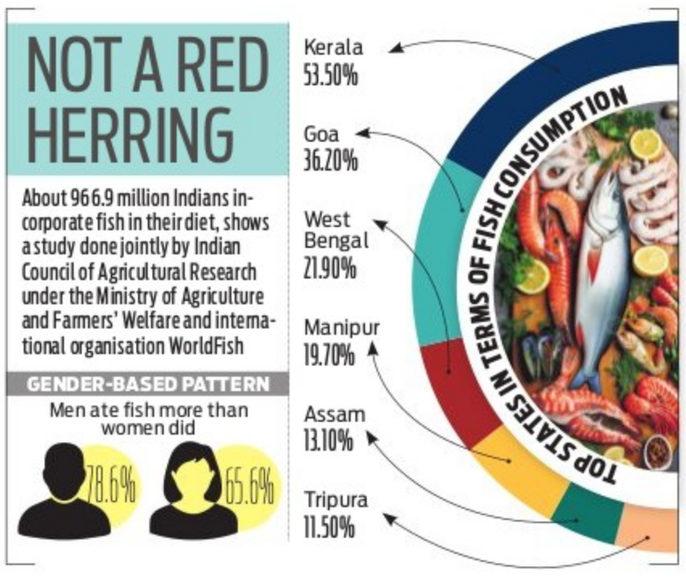
The study 'Fish Consumption in India: Patterns and Trend' shows that Tripura was the champion of fish consumption, with Punjab, Rajasthan and Haryana eating the least.

Moreover, Kerala leads in daily consumption of fish with 53.5% of the population consuming it daily, followed by Goa at 36.2%, West Bengal at 21.90%, Manipur at 19.70%, Assam at 13.10%, and Tripura at 11.50%.

Assam and Tripura both lead in weekly consumption at 69%, followed by Odisha (66.8%), West Bengal (65.75%), Arunachal Pradesh (65.25%), and Tamil Nadu (58.2%).

The data shows that Northeastern and Eastern states, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Goa have more than 90% fish consumers.

Over the last 15 years, Jammu and Kashmir experienced the most significant rise in fish consumption at 20.9 percentage points whereas Punjab saw a decrease in fish consumers by 3.9 percentage points.


NOT A RED HERRING
About 966.9 million Indians incorporate fish in their diet, shows a study done jointly by Indian Council of Agricultural Research under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and international organisation WorldFish
GENDER-BASED PATTERN
Men ate fish more than women did
78.6%
65.6%
TOP STATES IN TERMS OF FISH CONSUMPTION
Kerala 53.50%
Goa 36.20%
West Bengal 21.90%
Manipur 19.70%
Assam 13.10%
Tripura 11.50%

The study also indicates that there is a difference in fish consumption between men and women. Men ate fish more than women. The report mentioned based on analysis of NFHS-5 data that 78.6% of men and 65.6% of women eat fish.

The gender-based eating pattern differences are wider in states with a lower overall consumption rate, potentially indicating men eating fish out of home. Meanwhile, there is no marked difference in fish consumption among men and women in states with high rates of fish consumption like West Bengal, Kerala and Tripura.

"Adopting holistic and adaptable policies to enhance value chains can ensure the sustainability of our aquatic food systems and improve nutritional outcomes," said WorldFish Country Lead for India Dr Arun Padiyar.

ICAR's Deputy Director General (Fisheries Science) Dr JK Jena said, "Recognising the crucial role of fish in ensuring food security and combating undernutrition is vital for the health of our nation."

Perumal idol among 101 stolen antiquities handed over to ASI

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

AN attempt was made to smuggle out a bronze idol of Lord Vishnu (**Perumal**) dating to the late medieval period as a courier consignment in July 2021 from Tamil Nadu to Malaysia. It was sculpted using the 'lost-wax' casting method, a technique prevailing in the Chola Empire. However, alert customs officers in Bengaluru noticed oxidation suggesting that the approximately 22 kg statue is of historical significance. They red-flagged the shipment, and subsequently, the antiquity was seized.

In February 2021, Bengaluru customs officers confiscated an idol of Lord Vishnu made of chloritic schist stone belonging to the same period. It was being exported to Japan. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence thwarted the smuggling of six handwritten Qurans from the 17th-19th century at Delhi airport in October 2018.

These archaeological treasures, along with 93 other antiquities including a tracker telescope, daggers, manuscripts, and several figurines seized by the customs from different states, were handed over to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on Thursday at a virtual ceremony presided over by the Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman.

"In total, 101 articles of seized antiquities were handed over by different field formations of Customs to ASI for display and specialized care. Out of the 101 antiquities, a few of them will be displayed at 'Dharohar'- the National Museum of Customs in Goa," said officials.

On the occasion, the minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been ensuring that stolen artefacts and antiquities are brought back to India from various countries through bilateral negotiations. Many artefacts and antiquities have been repatriated in recent times, and with these 101 seized articles of antiquities, Customs is contributing to India's rich history, said Sitharaman.

She also emphasized handling religious texts, artefacts, and antiquities with due care and dignity due to their sensitive state and historical context by the officials concerned.

Another notable antiquities given to the ASI is a Palm Leaf Manuscript comprising 155 folios with hard wooden supporting covers. It is written in Odia script and language.

FIRE STATIONS

CM Yogi Adityanath on Thursday said Uttar Pradesh will soon become the first state in the country to have fire stations at the tehsil level. Over 70 fire stations have been set up across the state in the last seven years.

2 STUDENTS ON WAY TO TAKE BOARDS KILLED IN UP

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	32	21	Mumbai	33	25
Bhopal	31	19	Panaji	33	24
Jaipur	31	19	Patna	30	17
Amritsar	23	15	Lucknow	29	17
Chennai	31	24	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	30	19	Imphal	24	11
Srinagar	04	02	Chandigarh	23	18

PM to kick off poll campaign today

SANDESHKHALI UNREST: Modi to address rallies in 3 seats won by TMC women MPs in '19

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

EYING to woo women electorates in the upcoming general elections using the alleged sexual abuse on Sandeshkhali women as the key poll plank, PM Narandra Modi is scheduled to kick off his Lok Sabha elections campaign in West Bengal from Friday with addressing rallies in three constituencies from where the Trinamool Congress had sent women lawmakers to the lower House of Parliament in 2019.

Modi will address two rallies in Arambag, Hooghly, and Nadia's Krishnagar in two consecutive days, beginning Friday. On February 8, he will address a gathering in Barasat, North 24-Parganas, an adjoining constituency of Basirhat where the uproar led by the women broke out against the TMC satraps.

"The three constituencies selected for the Prime Minister's campaigns were selected strategically. Our party will send a loud and clear message that the BJP is the protector of women's modesty in Bengal and the TMC is the tormentor," said a BJP leader.

In 2019, TMC's Aparupa Poddar, an accused in 2014 Narada sting tape case, was elected from Arambag, Mahua Moitra, who was expelled from the Lok Sabha for cash-for-query scam, from Krishnagar and Kakali Ghosh Dastidar from Barasat.

"Initially, we selected Arambag and Krishnagar for the Prime Minister's campaigns. These two constituencies were marked by our party in the list of 35 seats that was set by Home minister Amit Shah as the target of the party in the Lok Sabha elections. Barasat was included in the list in the backdrop of Sandeshkhali stir led by the women of the area against the TMC's atrocities on them," said another BJP leader.

According to data available with the Election Commission, the state has a total of 7.58 electorates and 3.73 lakh are women who are expected to exercise their franchise in the upcoming electoral procedure.

"The majority of the women electorates belong to Hindu community who will be our target. Besides, we will also reach out to the women from other communities as the plight of Sandeshkhali women has shaken the state irrespective of their caste, creed and group," said a senior BJP leader.

The BJP has planned to bring women from strife-hit Sandeshkhali in the PM's Barasat rally to ensure an impact of the issue among the audience present and others who will be watching a live telecast of the event. "We will talk to the women of Sandeshkhali who fell victims of TMC's sexual abuse for months and years. If they want, we will bring them at the Prime Minister's event," said BJP's state president Sukanta Majumdar.

CHRONOLOGY SAMAJHIYE

January 5
3 ED officers bashed up and left bleeding allegedly by Shahjahan's followers when they went to raid the TMC leader's house in a foodgrain case

January 7
ED lodges complaint with Basirhat police, which, too, register a suo motu FIR against attackers

January 8
Basirhat police register case against ED on the basis of a complaint by caretaker of Shahjahan's house

January 11
Calcutta HC stays the probe against ED

January 15
HC directs to form SIT comprising CBI, state cops

February 7
HC division bench stays order on SIT constitution

February 9
Unrest breaks out in Sandeshkhali as women hit the streets armed with sticks and brooms alleging sexual abuse by Shahjahan and his men

February 10-12
Properties of TMC satraps on the lands grabbed forcibly set ablaze

February 17
Police add grave section like gangrape and attempt to murder after a homemaker records statement before a magistrate

February 25
TMC's national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee holds judiciary responsible for inaction against Shahjahan citing stay order

February 26
HC says no stay order on Shahahan's arrest

February 27
HC gives free hand to central agencies to arrest Shahjahan

February 29
State police arrest Shahjahan

Manipur police chief says AFSPA will be imposed in state if cops can't function

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE Manipur Police on Thursday warned that if the force is not allowed to perform its normal duties, the government might be compelled to deploy central forces and impose Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in the strife-torn state.

Condemning Tuesday's "life attempt" on Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Moirangthem Amit Singh and other personnel by armed members of the Meitei radical group Arambai Tenggol, Inspector General, K Kabib requested the citizens of the state to not support such acts.

"If the police are threatened, then we will not be able to work. In that event, all issues such as insurgency, AFSPA will come up. The armed forces will also come," Kabib warned addressing a press conference in Imphal. Barring 19 police station areas in the Imphal valley, AFSPA is imposed in the rest of the state.

"It is the police who have the advantage of knowing the local public. We request all citizens to help us. Do not take law into your hand. It will create more problems," Kabib said. Fellow IGP, IK Muivah said if the police are not able to do their normal duties due to lack of cooperation from the public or obstruction from civil society and other organisations, then the central security forces would have to assist.

"That means CRPF, BSF, Assam Rifles, Army will have to come in and assist. This will result in a situation which will be far more undesirable," he said. Commandos in several districts of the Imphal valley had on Wednesday staged a symbolic "arms down" protest against the attack on the ASP.

The police said the assailants had also intimidated the ASP's family members by firing bullets and vandalising the house.

'Abrogate SoO agreement'

The Manipur Assembly on Thursday adopted a resolution to urge the Centre to abrogate the Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement signed with over two dozen Kuki insurgent groups Earlier, the state government had sniffed their involvement in the ethnic violence. All 10 Kuki MLAs, including seven from BJP, are not attending the House session.

CHANDIGARH DIARY

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Punjab CM criticises Sunny Deol's absence

During a recent 'Sarkaar Vyapaar Milni' programme, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann criticized Gurdaspur BJP Member of Parliament Sunny Deol for his prolonged absence from the constituency. Mann emphasised that politics entails constant service and availability to constituents, rather than adhering to a nine-to-five schedule. He remarked on Deol's prolific career in Bollywood, noting the actor's penchant for uprooting hand pumps in movies, contrasting it with his lacklustre performance as an MP, where he failed to even facilitate the installation of a hand pump for providing clean water.

Harsimrat Kaur raises farmers' concerns

At the inauguration of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Bathinda, Shiromani Akali Dal leader and Member of Parliament from Bathinda, Harsimrat Kaur Badal, raised concerns about the ongoing farmers' protests. However, her speech was interrupted by some audience members who objected to her addressing farmers' issues, insisting that she focus solely on health and AIIMS in Bathinda. Later, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, speaking virtually, advised Harsimrat that the timing and platform were inappropriate for raising additional demands.

Bajwa opposes AAP-Congress alliance

Following the seat-sharing agreement between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Congress in the INDIA bloc, Leader of the Opposition in the Punjab Assembly, Partap Singh Bajwa, expressed his dissent during a visit to Patiala to meet injured farmers at Government Rajindra Hospital. Bajwa announced his refusal to campaign for AAP candidates in the areas where the Congress and AAP have formed alliances. He stated his longstanding opposition to such alliances. He further declared that he was not willing to campaign or even solicit any votes for any Aam Aadmi Party candidate in Haryana or Delhi.

After Kamal Nath, son says will stay in Cong & blames BJP for 'spreading rumours'

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

AFTER former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Kamal Nath, his son and Chhindwara MP Nakul Nath has put to rest speculations about him or his father switching over to the BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha polls. Addressing a meeting of the Congress workers in Chhindwara on Wednesday, the first-time Congress MP blamed the BJP for spreading rumours about his and father's switch to the BJP.

"BJP people are spreading rumours about me and Kamal Nath Ji going to the BJP. Let me make it clear that neither he (Kamal Nath) nor me are joining the BJP," said Nakul.

His statement came two days after his father, a nine-time former Chhindwara MP, had said that there was no possibility of him or his son joining the BJP. "Am I mad that I'll join the BJP, neither me nor Nakul are going to join the BJP," Kamal Nath said.

While the father-son duo has put to rest speculations about their switch, informed political sources in Bhopal claimed that their possible BJP joining wasn't a speculation as the BJP was in touch with Kamal Nath. The sources claimed that the BJP particularly stepped back, as Nath didn't just want his son to be given BJP's ticket from Chhindwara, but also wanted some of his loyalists in the Congress to be fielded for LS polls. A few days back, Nath had spoken to local scribes in Chhindwara for the first time on the issue and said that it was all the creation of the media.

The speculations of the father-son duo joining the BJP had been triggered by their sudden flight to Delhi, after cutting short their Chhindwara visit on February 17.

The buzz was further fuelled by Nath's loyalist and former MLA Deepak Saxena, before ex-MP minister Sajjan Singh Verma put to rest the speculations on February 19. Later Nath told reporters in Chhindwara said that speculations were creation of the media.

'Mastermind' of serial blasts in '93 acquitted

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

ABDUL Karim Tunda, the prime accused in the 1993 serial blasts case, was on Thursday acquitted by a TADA court in Ajmer. He is 80. Two other individuals, Irfan (70) and Hamimuddin (44), were convicted in that case. Tunda's lawyer, Shafiktullah Sultani, said, "The court acquitted him of all charges. The CBI has failed to present any strong evidence against Tunda."

However, defence lawyer Bhavani Singh Rohela said the CBI would file an appeal in the Supreme Court. "The court acquitted Tunda because there was no direct evidence to prove his involvement," he said.

Tunda expressing gratitude to the court for his acquittal.

Tunda, Irfan, and Hamimuddin were accused in the serial bomb blasts that targeted trains in Lucknow, Kanpur, Hyderabad, Surat and Mumbai on December 6, 1993.

Twenty years ago, on February 28, 2004, the TADA court had sentenced 16 accused to life imprisonment in the case.

Tunda was nabbed in 2013 in Banbasa, Uttarakhand, near the India-Nepal border. He was known to have close ties with underworld don Dawood Ibrahim and earned the moniker "Doctor Bomb" due to his expertise in bomb-making.

Maha deal: Uddhav to contest 20 seats, Cong 18 & Sharad 10

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Maharashtra opposition alliance Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) has reportedly completed seat-sharing talks for the 48 Lok Sabha seats from the state. Sources said the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena will contest 20 seats, Congress 18 while the rest 10 by the Sharad Pawar-led NCP.

MVA sources said smaller parties such as the Raju Shetti-led Swabhimani Shetkari Sangathan will be given seats by the respective alliance partners. If the Prakash Ambedkar-led Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi gets along, then it could be handed out at least three seats from the Shiv Sena and Congress quota.

State Congress chief Nana Patole, senior party leader Balasaheb Thorat and former CM Prithviraj Chavan met Sharad Pawar on Thursday at his Silver Oak residence to finalise the deal. NCP leader Jitendra Awhad said the discussions are over on the Lok Sabha elections and that no further meeting was expected.

Sources said a formal announcement could be delayed "because the BJP could poach or threaten the alliance candidates, a situation we would like to avoid."

"Most of the tricky issues over seat-sharing are sorted out. The rest will be resolved by party seniors," Awhad said. Sources said that Prakash Ambedkar-led Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi is unlikely to be a part of the larger Opposition alliance in Maharashtra.

"Prakash Ambedkar is looking for 27 seats, which is impractical. This shows Ambedkar is more interested in not joining the alliance than being a part of it. We are keen to take him on board but he is working on a BJP script. He is giving some excuses for not joining the Opposition alliance," said a source.

Sources said the Uddhav Thackeray group is keen to contest as many seats as it did in 2019 and pretty much the same for the Congress and the NCP.

"We are also ready to swap the seats while keeping the winnability factor in mind. We have to stay united because public sentiment is against the establishment. For instance, farmers are not happy because of the low rates offered to their crops while the common man is troubled by high inflation, besides unemployment is a major factor among the youth. This pent-up anger has to be channelized properly," he said.

HOW OPPN ALLIANCE SHAPING UP

MVA alliance consists of Shiv Sena (Uddhav), Congress and NCP (Sharad Pawar). It is fighting on all 48 seats. MVA can also include Swabhimani Shetkari Sangathan & Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi

Total LS seats 48

RESULTS IN 2019

Shiv Sena (united) won 18	Congress 01	NCP (united) 18
Contested: 23, vote %: 23.5	Contested: 25, vote %: 16.41	Contested: 19, vote %: 15.66

No jobs for 3L eligible teachers in Gujarat in 2 yrs

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

IN Gujarat, 2.75 lakh candidates have passed the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET), and 1.18 lakh candidates have passed the Teacher Aptitude Test (TAT) but remain unemployed. These exams are necessary to qualify for teaching positions.

The Gujarat government acknowledged in the Legislative Assembly that out of 3.94 lakh candidates, 3.88 lakh who passed the TET and TAT tests in the last two years are currently unemployed.

There have been frequent protests in Gujarat over the employment of TET and TAT passers for teacher recruitment in schools.

Congress MLA Kirit Patel raised questions in the Gujarat Assembly about the number of candidates who passed these exams and how many were actually employed. In response to Kirit Patel's inquiry, the government provided statistics stating that as of December 31, 2023, 39,395 candidates passed TAT-1, 2, 35,956 candidates passed TAT-2, and 75,328 completed TAT Secondary. Additionally, 28,307 candidates completed TAT Secondary dual level, and 15,253 achieved TAT Higher Secondary dual level.

Consequently, 3.94 lakh applicants passed the teacher eligibility exams, with the government recruiting 2300 TET-1 candidates in 2022 and 3378 TET-II candidates in the same year. However, no recruitment took place in secondary or higher secondary schools in 2022.

FIGURES SPEAK VOLUME

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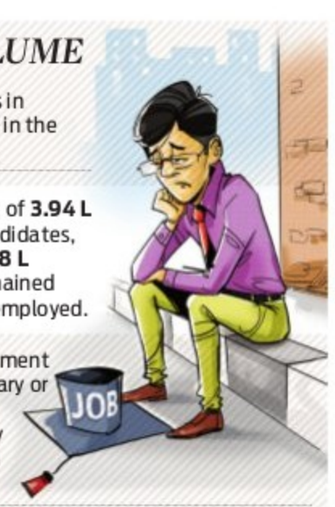
currently jobless in Gujarat

Out of **3.94 L** candidates, **3.88 L** remained unemployed.

Recruitment in 2022
2,300 TET-1 candidates
3,378 TET-II candidates

No recruitment in secondary or higher secondary schools in 2022.



No recruitment in government or grant-aided primary and secondary schools in 2023.

Only **5,678** out of **3.94 lakh** TAT and TET candidates recruited in the last two years.

VACANCIES
5,940 in higher secondary schools and 3,260 in secondary schools as of March 2023.

Similarly, the government reported that in 2023, no candidates were recruited for government or grant-aided primary and secondary schools. When Congress MLA inquired about the timeline for recruitment, the administration responded, "Recruitment will be carried out as per requirement."

Thus, the government admitted in the assembly that out of 3.94 lakh TAT and TET candidates, only 5,678 people were recruited in the last two years.

Meanwhile, addressing a query from Congress MLA Arvind Ladani on February 26th, Education Minister Kuber Dindor informed the House that 5,940 teaching positions were vacant in 4,146 state-run as well as government-aided higher secondary schools as of March 2023.

He further stated that 3,260 teaching positions were vacant in various state-run as well as government-aided secondary schools as of March 2023, in response to a query raised by another Congress legislator, Gulabsinh Chauhan.

PM unveils world's 1st Vedic clock in Ujjain, opens ₹17K cr projects in MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday virtually inaugurated the world's first Vedic clock installed on an 85-ft high tower at the Jantar Mantar in Madhya Pradesh's religious city Ujjain.

The clock will display time according to ancient Vedic Hindu panchang (almanac). Besides planetary positions, muhurat, astrological calculations, and predictions, the clock will also display the Indian Standard Time (IST) and Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and operate on the time system based on one sunrise to another.

Virtually inaugurating the first-of-its-kind Vedic clock, the PM said, "This proves that our government works on vikas (development) and virasat (heritage) simultaneously. The city of Baba Mahakal (Ujjain) was once the centre of time calculation, but its importance was forgotten. Now we've established the world's first Vikramaditya Vedic clock. It will not just render an opportunity to remember our rich heritage, but will also be witness to that Kalchakra (time cycle) which will turn India into a developed nation."

PM Modi also launched the Cyber Tehsil system for all 55 districts to help in land related issues. As part of unveiling and laying foundation of development projects across the country ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, the PM virtually unveiled and laid foundation stone of 37 development projects worth ₹17,500 crore in MP at the 'Viksit Bharat Viksit Madhya Pradesh' which was attended by 15 lakh people across 200 locations in the state.

The projects pertained to variegated sectors, including irrigation, power, rail, road, water supply, coal, industry, among others. Addressing virtually the mega event which was attended by MP Governor Mangubhai C Patel, CM Mohan Yadav, his cabinet colleagues and state BJP chief VD Sharma at Bhopal's Lal Parade Ground, the PM said, "Currently there is just one slogan 'Abki Baar 400 Paar' all around.

This isn't BJP's slogan, but actually a slogan given by the people of the country. For the first time, the people of the country are popularizing a slogan for the return of their loved and trusted government again." "We're not contesting polls just to form our government for the third time, but to form the government the third time to make India the world's third largest economy." Reaching out to the youth and first time voters, Modi said, "I assure the youth, that the BJP government will leave no stone unturned for creating opportunities for them."

'Vedic Hindu almanac'

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Government of Karnataka - Karnataka Forest Department

Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Forest Division, Sagar

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No.: A2/BGT/AW &SW/CR-14/2023-24 Date: 24.02.2024

e-Tender Notice Call – 02 (Through e-Procurement Portal)

Short-Term Tender is invited through e-procurement portal in two cover system from interested Contractors for undertaking continuance afforestation works for the year 2024-25 in the afforestation works undertaken for the year 2023-24 as per Physical and Financial Targets fixed for the year 2023-24 under various schemes in Zones coming in the limits of Sagar Regional Forest Department and date is fixed on 02.03.2024 up to 4.30 PM. This office can be contacted for further information and details regarding the Tender can be obtained through official website http://kppp.karnataka. gov.in

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Forest Division, Sagar

DIPR/smg/No.220/02/ksmca/23-24/1409

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 1288225/ಡಿಎಂಎ/ಘವನಿ/ಎಸ್‌ಬಿಎಂ/3/2024 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29-02-2024

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ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು(ಘವನಿ),
ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಭಾರತ್ ಮಿಷನ್(ನಗರ),
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, our client has agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners **SMT.S.VIJAYALAKSHMI**, W/o late Sri.S.Shamanna and her children **SRI.K.S.MANJUNATH (MANJUNATH K SHAMANNA)** and **SRI.K.S.GURURAJ (GURURAJ K SHAMANNA)**, residing at No.2774, 6 th Main Road, 14 th Cross, BSK 2 nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070. If any persons have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within 7 **(Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Municipal No.1609 (CITB/BDA Site No.1609), PID No.56-31-1609**, measuring East to West 40ft and North to South 68ft, in all measuring 2720 Sq.ft, with an old house thereon, situated at **35 th Cross, Banashankari 2 nd Stage,** Bengaluru-560070. within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.165 and bounded as follows:

East by : Property bearing No.1608
West by : Property bearing No.1610
North by : Road
South by : Property bearing No.1571

Sd/- BAYYA REDDY .M
For ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP
Advocates & Solicitors
No.101, 2nd Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex,
22nd Main Road, BSK 2nd Stage,
Opp : Banashankari BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560070

Government of Karnataka

Shivamogga Forest Division, Shivamogga

No.: B1/BGT/Tender/CR-25/2023-24-6 Date: 26.02.2024

e-Tender Notice (Through e-Procurement Portal)

Short-Term e-Tenders Call-2 are invited through e-procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 from interested Forest contractors registered in Forest Division as Forest Contractors for the year 2023-24 and having experience of advance works for plantation in the Forest Department and having experience of having carried out advance works for plantation andsimilar works as put to tender and having their own Sapling Nursery in the zone where works have to be carried out, for carrying out works of "forming advance ditches and growing Saplings of various sizes"in forest areas coming in the limits of various zones of Shivamogga forest Division under Head of Account 2406-04-103-1-04-NPV-Forest Land-140-Minor Works (CAMPA) for the year 2024-25. Last date for submitting tenders for the said worksis fixed on 05.03.2024 up to 4.00 PM. For further information this office can be contacted during office hours and details of the Tender can be obtained through the official website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/No.232/02/ksmca/23-24/1414

TUMKUR UNIVERSITY

Vishwavidyanilaya Karyalaya, Tumakuru-572103,
Phone: 0816-2254546

No.TUT:Ph.D: Notifi.: 2023-24/1058 Dated: 29.02.2024

Ph.D. ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

Online Applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission to Ph.D programme in Tumkur University P.G Departments for the Year 2023-24. Details of the application link, regulations and guidelines governing the PhD programme and Syllabus for the entrance examination are available in the University website: www.tumkuruniversity.ac.in Duly filled in application along with the enclosures and receipt of application fee of Rs.1,650 for GM and OBC candidates and Rs.825 for SC/ST/CAT 1 candidates (on production of caste and income certificate with income limit of Rs.2.5 lakh) paid through online (SBI Collect) shall be submitted online on or before 24.03.2024.

Printed duly filled in application along with fee receipt and self attested enclosures shall be submitted in two sets along with documents on or before 30.03.2024 to the Chairperson / Coordinator of the concerned P G Departments.

Sd/- Registrar,
Tumkur Univesity, Tumkur.

DOCUMENT LOST

I, Mohammed Ilyas Ahmed Khan at No. 28, 9th Cross, RV Road, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bengaluru Lost My Original SALE DEEDS of Site No. 268, Royal Garden, Zuzuwadi, vide Document No. 11652/2010, and 4387/2015.

Finders Contact:
Mohammed Ilyas Ahmed Khan
Mobile: 8884101166

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
MARINE DEPARTMENT

No. MD/AACTS/WK/R-07/2023/247 Date: 26.02.2024

e-Tender Call Notice (e-TCN) No.MD/ ACCTS/WK/R-07/2023/74 dtd. 16/01/2024

Name of the work: Engagement of 01 no. All Weather Steel Hull Vessel along with Manning Crew on hire for a period of 5 (five) years for deployment at Paradip SPMs on round the clock 24x7 basis Pollution Response-cum-SPMs Security Duties. Estimated cost put to tender: Rs.42,91,10,000/-. Last date & time of submission of tender through on-line bidding is 15:00 hours on dt.18.03.2024. For further details, please log on to the website: https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app

Sd/- Deputy Conservator, Paradip Port Authority

PPA/PR/92/2023-2024 dtd.28.02.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners: **(1)Smt.Shivarekha. S. Khanapure**, **(2)Smt.Suma K. Hanumanthappa** - (1)&(2) both D/o late Siddappa Channappa Choushetti, **(3)Smt.Malini R Choushetti** W/o late Rajashekar Siddappa Choushetti, **(4)Smt.Mayuri R Choushetti** D/o late Rajashekar Siddappa Choushetti, **(5)Smt.Kavitha R Choushetti** W/o late Rahul R Choushetti, **(6)Kum.Dhruthi R Choushetti** & **(7)Mr.Daivik R Choushetti** – (6)&(7) both children of late Rahul R Choushetti, and **(8)Smt.Manasi Paresh Kumar** D/o late Paresh Kumar, residing at: CGN Building, No.2, BMP No.19, 5th Main, Malleshpalya, New Thippasandra, Bangalore-560075.

The said Owners have represented that, they have lost/misplaced the original Sale deed dated 07/03/1977, registered as document No.2967/1976-77 of Book-1, Volume-518, at pages 153-154, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Srirampuram, Bangalore, in respect of the Schedule property and in this regard they have filed a Police Complaint on 20/02/2024 with the Bangalore City Police unit. Further the Owners represent that they have not deposited or otherwise handed over the said original deed to any person/s or Bank or institution and that the Owners have a freehold subsisting marketable title to the Schedule property.

Apart from the said owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or either by way of Agreement or Mortgage or maintenance or any other right or charge or lien in or over the Schedule property, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the supporting legal documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within **14 days** from the date of Publication of this Notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.145, PID No.34-129-145, measuring East to West 30 ft and North to South 50 ft, with a building thereon, situated at 7th C Main Road, Kalyan HBCS, Hampinagar, Bangalore-560040 and bounded on:

East by : Property bearing No.146
West by : Property bearing No.144
North by : Property bearing No.162
South by : Road

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

Government of Karnataka Zilla Panchayath, Chitradurga

Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Chitradurga-577501

e-mail: zped_cta@yahoo.com zped.cta@gmail.com Ph: 08194-222372

No. P.R.E.D./CD/EE/TS/Tender/2023-24/2485 Date:28.02.2024

Tender Notice

(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

Short-Term Tender is invited for 04 works approved under various schemes in the limits of Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chitradurga of Chitradurga District and Approx. Amount of Tender Minimum Rs. 6.77 lakhs, Maximum Rs. 122.85 lakhs and Tender is invited for total Rs. 375.32 lakhs and dates are as below:

Last date and time for obtaining information regarding the Tender 05.03.2024 : 11.00 Hrs. Last date and time for submission of Tender 06.03.2024 : 16.00 Hrs. Date and time for opening Technical Bid 07.03.2024 : 16.01 Hrs.Date and time for opening Financial Bid 08.03.2024 : 16.03 Hrs.

For further information regarding the Tender (support@eprochelpdesk.com) or contact KPPP Helpdesk Phone no.: +91-8046010000, +91-8068948777 or phone no.: 08194-222372, Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Chitradurga during office hours.

RO.No.638:DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/2023-24

Sd/- Executive Engineer
P.R.E. Division, Chitradurga

BEFORE THE HON'BLE CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYO HALL DIVISION AT BENGALURU

O.S. No. 25309/2018 (CCH-21)

BETWEEN : AMAZON TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PVT. LTD., Having its registered office at, Brigade Gateway, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Malleshwaram (W), Bengaluru - 560 055 Represented by its Authorised Representative Mr. Rahul Narayanan ...PLAINTIFF

AND : SRI HITESH INTERNATIONALS

...DEFENDANTS

NOTICE / SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS U/O. V RULE 20 CPC

To, **Defendant, Sri Hitesh Internationals,** 38/13 and 38/13A, G.K. Temple Street, Chickpet Cross, Bangalore 560053.

Represented by its Proprietor
Mr. Dalichand Ogarmalji Jain

Defendant : Mr. Dalichand Ogarmalji Jain

Whereas the Plaintiff, above named has instituted the above original suit against you seeking judgment and decree in favour of the Plaintiff, directing the Defendant to pay a sum of Rs. 6,29,750/- (Six Lakhs, Twenty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Only/-) along with interest at 24% per annum with effect from 29.04.2016 till realization, together with costs of litigation and for other reliefs.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed **on 15th April 2024 at 11.00 a.m.** to answer the same, failing which the application will be heard and be disposed of ex-parte.

Given under my hand the seal of the court on this the 15th day of February 2024.

By order of the Court, Asst. Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff : **Nikhil Joy,** P & A Law Offices, We Work Galaxy, 43, Residency Road, Bangalore-560025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our Client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its Owner **MR. RAJAGOPALA. T.E,** aged about 46 years, S/o. Sri. Eragowda, residing at Thoppaganahalli, Tungani, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara district, who represent to my client that he is the absolute Owner of the **Schedule Property** having acquired by way of a Sale Deed dated: 13.07.2021, Registered as Document No.2964/2021-22 in Book-I and Stored in CD No. KNKD 1163 dated: 16.07.2021 at the office of the Sub-Register, Kanakapura.

If any person/s, entity, firm, Financial Institution, (Corporate or Otherwise) Company/ies has or claims any right, title, interest, claim/s, attachment, charges, pending Litigation, court order in the form of a Decree/Award/Injunction, minor claims, Partition Suit, Lease agreement/Rent Agreement, mortgage or mortgage by way of Deposit of Title deeds etc or demand of any nature in or upon the aforesaid property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details of the right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation, or demand made together with supporting documents within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this notice, failing which such claim shall be considered to have been waived and/or given up and our client shall be entitled to complete the purchase transaction/ proceed on the basis that there are no claims in respect of the aforesaid property. Objections and/or claims received after the expiry of the period stipulated above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our client

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Old Sy.No. 106, New Sy.No. 274, measuring 1 Acres 10 Guntas, situated at T Hosahalli {Toppaganahalli Grama}, Maralawadi Village, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District.

East By : Sy.No.106, **West by :** Sy.No.275, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Land bearing Sy.No.106 and Land belonging to Dodda Putta Gowda and Ashok Kumar.

Sd/- **Sangram .S. Savanth**
M/s. SARALA LAW ASSOCIATES, Advocates Office at "Justice Point", No.168, 3rd Floor, Pooja Complex, 1st Cross, Kilari Road, Bangalore-560 053. PH. 98453 93708

SOUTH INDIAN Bank
CIN: L65191KL1929PLC001017

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Website: **www.southindianbank.com**

[See rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 24.08.2021 u/s. 13(2) of the Act calling upon the borrowers **(1) Sri. Ashok Kumar N** S/o Nagaraj C #76/4-2, 30th Cross, CM Towers, Tilak Nagar, 4th T Block, Jayanagar Bangalore - 560041. **(2) Smt. Priya G** W/o. Ashok Kumar N #76/4-2, 30th Cross, CM Towers, Tilak Nagar, 4th T Block, Jayanagar Bangalore -560041 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 63,14,081.22 (Rupees Sixty Three Lakh Fourteen Thousand Eighty One and Twenty Two paise only)** as on **23.08.2021** as outstanding in the Mini Rental (0399652000000866) with further interest and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security and Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this the **28th of February 2024.**

The borrower / guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The South Indian Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.87,75,451.46 (Rs. Eighty Seven Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty One and paise Forty Six only)** as on **27.02.2024** with further interest and costs thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Further Possession notice issued dated **25.07.2022** stands withdrawn & cancelled.

SCHEDULE: (Immovable properties secured to the account)
Description of Immovable Properties

All that part and parcel of the land measuring East to West: 39 ft, North to South: 34½ ft totally admeasuring 1345.5 Sq.ft. along with other usufructs and improvements thereon in Site No.9, bearing BBMP Khatha No.26, PID No. 34/9/26, situated at Chikkakallasandra, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP ward no.55, Bangalore owned by Sri. Ashok Kumar, vide Sale Deed No. 4532/2017-18 dated 11.10.2017 of SRO Basavanagudi (Chamarajpet), Bangalore and bounded on the North by: Property No. 10, South by: Property No.8, East by: Property no.6 and West by: Road.

Date : 28.02.2024
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
The South Indian Bank Ltd.

Office of The Executive Engineer,
PWD Special Division, Shivamogga

Phone No.: 08182 – 222942, e-mail spdivision@gmail.com

I.F.T. No.:38/2023-24 Date: 28.02.2024

Short-Term Tender Notice
(Two Cover System) (Through K.P.P.Portal)CALL-2

Tender is invited by the undersigned in two cover system through K.P.P.Portal for below mentioned work as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 and Rules 2000 in Standard Tender Document K.W.-1from Class 4 and above contractors registered in Public Works Department for works under 3054 – 03 – 337 – 0 – 05 – 200 Maintenance of State Highways for total 01 work in Bhadravathi Taluk. Amount put to tender for the said works MaximumRs.49.99 lakhs and E.M.D. Maximum Amount Rs. 1.25 lakhs. Time Period for the said works is as mentioned in K.P.P.P. Portal.

Eligible contractors should see the eligibility details as per Clause – 1 & 2 of tender document section -2 (Instructions to Tenderers) through K.P.P.Portal http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Can be downloaded from the website from 28.02.2024to 06.03.2024 up to 17.00 hrs. Tender should be submitted in e-procurement within 5.30 PM on06.03.2024. Technical Bid of the Tender will be opened in e-procurement after 5.30 PM on 07.03.2024 and Financial Bid will be opened after 08.03.2024. Further details if required, can be obtained from this office during office hours. If there are any corrections in the Tender, they will be published only in the website. The tender details in the website are final.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Special Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/No.243/02/ksmca/23-24/1412

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : Unit No.802, Natraj Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V.Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai- 400069

Malleshwaram Branch : No.16/12 , Nagarathna Nilaya, First Floor, Opp Dr.Rajkumar Samadhi, 1st A Cross, 2nd Main, Nandini Layout. 2nd Block, Outer Ring Road, Bangalore-560096

E- AUCTION – SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Properties under the Securitizationand Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged,possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Malleshwaram Branch** of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** with no known encumbrances Particulars of which are given below:-

Sl No.	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Nature of possession
1.	Loan Code No : 18900002133 Malleshwaram Branch Late. Santosh Kumar (Reprented Through the Legal Heir) (Borrower) Pinky Lepcha (Co Borrower)	15-04-2021 ₹ 15,83,504.00	Site No 50 K No 788 Sy No 19 2 Kitiganur Village Bidarahalli Hobli Bangalore East Tq K R Puram , Bengaluru - 560049, Karnataka. Bounded on **East by :** Site No 49, **West by :** Site No 51, **North by :** Site No 41 and **South by :** 28 feet Road .	₹ 56,47,504.00 (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Four Only)	₹ 5,64,750.00 (Rupees Five Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Only)	Physical

1. Last Date of Submission of DD of Earnest Money Deposit along with KYC, Tender Form and accepted Terms and conditions (Tender Documents) is **30.03.2024 within 5:00 PM** at the Branch Office address mentioned herein above or uploaded on **https://bankeauctions.com**. Tenders documents received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
2. Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer (Auction Date) for Property is **31.03.2024 on https://bankeauctions.com at 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.**
3. AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on **'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'.**
4. The Demand Draft Should be made in favorof 'Aadhar Housing Finance Limited' Only.
5. Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://bankeauctions.com**. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
6. The intending bidders should register their names at portal M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD through the link **https: //bankeauctions. com/registration/ signup,** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD through the website **https://bankeauctions.com**
7. For further details contact Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited, **Manjunatha K R, Branch (Contact No. 9480074594)** OR the service provider M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD, **Mr. Prabhakaran (Contact No. +91 7418281709), E-mail:tn@c1india.com & support@ bankeauctions.com, Mobile No:+917291981124 /25 /26**. As on date, there is no order restraining and/or court injunction AHFL/the authorized Officer of AHFL from selling, alienating and/or disposing of the above immovable properties/secured assets.
8. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL), secured creditor's website i.e. www.aadharhousing.com.
9. The Bid incremental amount for auction is **Rs.1000/-.**

Place : Malleshwaram
Date : 01.03.2024

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

A.O. #14, SOUTH END ROAD, SHESHADRIPURAM, BANGALORE-560020

Notice of Sale under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules -2002, framed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002

Public auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable Assets under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with the proviso of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) mentioned below that the below described immovable property mortgaged/Charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the **Mahila Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is", and "Whatever there is" basis,** on belong mentioned date for recovery of the dues mentioned below together with future interest and legal/other expenses due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from respective borrowers. The Reserve Price for Property, the earnest money deposit (EMD) and last date of deposit of EMD etc., are given below.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor	Amount due excluding subsequent interest as on date plus cost and expenses	Reserve Price Earnest Money deposit EMD & Bid Multiple	Details of the A/c where EMD to be deposited	Secured Properties and boundaries	Date of E Auction and time	Last date of deposit of EMD
1.	**(1) Sri.Shivananda S Kalagudi S/o Late S.T.Kalagudi,** No.15/27, F-4, "Raksha Archade", Marenahalli, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-40. **(2) Smt. Jayalakshmi S Kalagudi** W/o Shivananda S Kalagudi, No.15/27, F-4, "Raksha Archade", Marenahalli, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-40. and **Guarantor(s) (1) Smt. Roopa S.N** W/o Krishna, No.55, 1st Floor, Shivanandanagara, Moodalapalya, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Bengaluru-560091. **(2) Sri. Shivakumar.I. Hunnur,** S/o I C Hunnur, No.12, 3rd Floor, 5th Cross, 7th Block, Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Mudinapalya, Bengaluru-560091.	**Rs.3,44,29,085/- (Rupees Three Crore Forty Four Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand and Eighty Five Only) as on 28.02.2024 and future interest and other charges from 29.02.2024**	**Rs. 2,89,50,00/- EMD Rs.28,95,000/- Bid Amount Rs. 50,000/-**	**A/c Name : Mahila Co-operative Bank Limited A/c No : 89390200000832 Bank Name : Bank of Baroda Branch : Malleswaram, Bangalore IFSC Code : BARB0VJMAWA**	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with building bearing present No.1, Corporation Khata No. 515, Old Khata No. 2322 of Assessment No.73, Srigandada Kawal Village, Yeshwanthapura Division, Bengaluru North Taluk, Situated at 1st Main Road, 18th Cross, Doddanna Estate Main Road, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West (42+48)/2 fts and North to South (112+115)/2 fts, having a total extent of 5107.5 square feets and bounded on the : East by : Property No.2, West by : Others Property, North by : Doddanna Estate Compound and Property of Krishnappa, South by : Doddanna Estate Main Road.	**21.03.2024 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**	**20.03.2024 Time: 4.00 PM**

Statutory 15 days sale notice under Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI act, 2002 : The borrower/guarantors are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Public-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold for recovery of above said amounts and under Section 13(7) of the SARFAESI Act amended as on date and if repayment is made as above the property not put-up for sale.

"Terms & conditions applicable; for further details, please contact Mahila Co-op Bank Ltd., A.O. #14 South End Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020. Contact person: 9880453464/9632206402."

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 28.02.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS "** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 27.02.2024	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last date TIME & Place for submission of Bid
1	30258310000568	1) Mr. N. Venkatesh, Proprietor M/s. Vinayka Enterprises, 2) Mrs. Sumana, 3) Amaranarayana. H.B	21.07.2020	16.10.2023	Rs.14,14,348/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Forty Eight Only)	08.03.2024 Time: 9:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.7,29,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Only)	Rs.72,900/- (Rupees Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred Only)	18.03.2024 @ 02:00 PM	16.03.2024, Till 05.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071

Details of Secured Assets: Schedule-A: Description of Immoveable Property: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 acres and 18 guntas including the kharab land in Sy.No.39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M.Medehalli, Attibelehobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Taluk, Bangalore and **Bounded on the North by:** Mayasandra Gadi, **South by:** Lands in Survey No.41, **East by:** Lands in Survey No.43, **West by:** Road.
Schedule-B: Undivided share in the Schedule 'A' property which works out of 195 sq.ft. of built up area.
Schedule-C: Description of Residential Unit: Residential Apartment Bearing No.A-006 Khata No.261, Assessment No.42/1/78- T-2-A-006, Ground Floor of Tower-2, consists of One Hall, One Bed Rood, Kitchen, Bathroom and a balcony, in the residential Apartment Complex known as "Janaadhar Shubha" constructed on the Schedule-"A" Property having a super built up area of 400 square feet with vitrified flooring and on the proportionate share in the common areas, such as passages, stairs, ducts well and/or rooms water, drainage and/ or electrical conduit/s and/or other areas used in common with the the purchasers of other Apartments and is **Bounded on: North by:** Stair Case & Open space, **South by:** Open Space & B-007, **East by:** Open Space, **West by:** Lobby & B-007.

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** & **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'.** The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. 4 Closure** at the web portal **https://bankauctions.in** & **www.foreclosureindia.com.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. Bhaskar Naidu Contact Number: 8142000809/ 8142000061. Email id: info@bankauctions.in / subbarao@bankauctions.in.**

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob No.9590858249), Mr. Umesh (8050149617) & Mrs. Syeda (Mob No.7400445147).** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 01.03.2024, Place: Bangalore Rural

Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

PUTIN WARNS OF GLOBAL NUCLEAR WAR IF WEST SENDS TROOPS TO UKRAINE

MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin warned on Thursday of a "real" risk of nuclear war if the West escalates the conflict in Ukraine, offering a defiant and emboldened stance in his annual speech to Russians.

Speaking in Moscow, Putin said his soldiers were advancing in Ukraine and warned the West of "tragic consequences" for any country that dared to send troops to Kyiv.

"They have announced the possibility of sending Western military contingents to Ukraine... The consequences for possible interventionists will be much more tragic," he said in his address to the nation. "They should eventually realise that we also have weapons that can hit targets on their territory. Everything that the West comes up with creates the real threat of a conflict with the use of nuclear weapons, and thus the destruction of civilisation," said Putin.

His comments appeared to be a response to French President Emmanuel Macron's refusal earlier this week to rule out sending troops to Ukraine — a stance that drew swift rejection from other leaders in Europe.

Nevertheless, the debate has struck a nerve in Moscow, which has long seen its conflict with Ukraine as part of a wider "hybrid war" being waged against it by NATO.

Russian President Vladimir Putin delivers his annual state of the nation address at the Gostiny Dvor conference centre in central Moscow | AFP

Western leaders have repeatedly criticised Putin for what they see as his reckless use of nuclear rhetoric.

After pulling Russia out of arms control treaties with the United States and previously warning he was "not bluffing" when he said he was ready to use nuclear weapons, Putin had appeared in recent months to dial down his nuclear threats.

But the fresh warning comes with the Kremlin buoyed by recent gains on the battlefield in Ukraine, but also an economy that has largely defied sanctions and ahead of an election certain to extend Putin's term in the Kremlin until 2030.

Russian forces 'advancing'

The current state of affairs marks a sharp reversal in fortunes for Moscow over the last 12 months. Last year at this time, Russian troops were reeling from Ukrainian counteroffensives that pushed them back in northeastern and southern Ukraine. But after a Ukrainian campaign in the summer of 2023 failed to bring similar results, Kyiv is back on the defensive.

The initially strong Western support for Ukraine also appears to be fraying, with a $60-billion US aid package stalled in Congress.

Outgunning Ukrainian forces on the battlefield, Putin's troops seized the eastern stronghold of Avdiivka and are attempting to build on their advances.

Putin on Thursday pointed to recent successes. "The combat capacity of our armed forces has increased many times over," he said. *AFP*

'Troop deployment comments thought through'

PARIS: French President Emmanuel Macron on Thursday said that all his comments on the war between Ukraine and Russia were carefully thought out, after he sparked an uproar by not ruling out sending Western troops. Macron on Monday said "everything that is necessary" must be done to ensure Russia's defeat after its invasion of Ukraine, alarming several European allies, including Germany. "These are sufficiently serious issues; every one of the words that I say on this issue is weighed, thought through and measured," he said. Macron had said after a conference of European leaders that while there was "no consensus" on the sending of Western ground troops to Ukraine, "nothing should be excluded." *AFP*

104 dead as Israeli army fires on Gazans waiting for food

Over 700 injured in the massacre, say Palestinian health officials

GAZA STRIP

THOUSANDS of Palestinians flocked to an aid distribution point early on Thursday, desperate for food amid Gaza's looming famine, only to be met with lethal chaos including live fire by Israeli troops.

By mid-afternoon the Hamas-run health ministry said more than 100 people were reported dead in the grisly incident which underscored worsening shortages in the besieged Palestinian territory.

"There were crowds of people, but the occupation (forces) kept firing towards us," one young man told AFP while lying on the dirty, crowded floor at Kamal Adwan Hospital waiting for treatment.

He was among those wounded in the chaos. But there were conflicting reports on what exactly unfolded in the hours before dawn.

Ali Awad Ashqir, who had gone to get some flour for his starving family, had been waiting for two hours when violence erupted. "At approximately 4:00 am the trucks began to arrive. The moment they arrived, the occupation army fired artillery shells and guns," he said. "I was hit by a bullet in the left foot and taken to Al-Shifa hospital. I was later discharged because my injuries were moderate."

Hossam Abu Safiya, director at Kamal Adwan hospital, said all those killed and injured were hit by "bullets and shrapnel from occupation forces".

Ashraf al-Qudra, spokesman for Gaza's health ministry, denounced what he called a "massacre" at Gaza City's Nabulsi roundabout, saying 104 people were killed and 760 wounded.

He blamed Israeli troops, and Israeli sources confirmed to AFP that the Israeli forces at the scene did open fire, having perceived the crowds near the trucks as a "threat".

But a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said many of the dead were crushed by the trucks themselves.

"Aid trucks were overwhelmed by people trying to loot and drivers ploughed into the crowd of people, ultimately killing tens of people," said the spokesman, Avi Hyman.

And an Israeli army spokesman told AFP that as the aid convoy headed "north thousands of people surrounded the trucks". "This led to a stampede in which dozens of Gazans were injured and killed, some of them run over by the trucks." At Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City, doctors were "unable to deal" with the flood of casualties "as a result of weak medical and human capacities", Qudra said. Thursday's incident spurred a heated exchange at the Human Rights Council in Geneva, where Palestinian ambassador Ibrahim Mohammad Khraishi confronted his Israeli counterpart about the reported casualties. *AFP*

Children sit in a destroyed car in Rafah, on the southern Gaza Strip amid ongoing battles between Israel and Palestinian militant group Hamas | AFP

- Israel killed a Hezbollah fighter in a strike on Syria, close to the Lebanese border, also hitting near Damascus on Thursday, a war monitor said, hours after similar attacks.
- The Singapore government on Thursday said Israel's military response to the October 7 Hamas attack has "gone too far" but severing diplomatic ties with the Jewish nation would not resolve the situation.
- US President Joe Biden said a ceasefire in war-torn Gaza was now unlikely to happen by Monday, adding that a shooting incident at an aid point would likely complicate negotiations.

Israeli assault on Rafah would flout ICJ order: UN

Israel's planned ground assault on Rafah would contravene the orders issued by the United Nations' top court, the UN human rights chief said on Thursday. On January 26, the International Court of Justice said Israel must "prevent the commission of all acts within the scope" of the Genocide Convention. "I fail to see how such an operation could be consistent with the binding provisional measures issued by the International Court of Justice," Volker Turk said.

Russian Prez responsible for Navalny's death: EU

STRASBOURG

The European Parliament said on Thursday Russian President Vladimir Putin bore the "criminal and political responsibility" for opposition leader Alexei Navalny's death and should be held to account.

Navalny, one of Putin's fiercest critics, died in prison on February 16 in unclear circumstances but EU leaders have blamed the Russian president. "The Russian government and Vladimir Putin personally bear criminal and political responsibility for the death of their most prominent opponent, Alexei Navalny," the parliament said in a resolution passed with 506 votes in the 705-seat assembly.

Putin "should be held accountable", it said. Only nine lawmakers voted against the resolution. The lawmakers also called for an "independent and transparent international investigation" into the circumstances of Navalny's death.

> **Putin should be held accountable for the death of Alexei Navalny. An independent and transparent international investigation should be done into the circumstances of Navalny's death**
>
> European Parliament

In addition, the parliament asked the EU's 27 members states to "intensify" support for Russian political prisoners and continue backing the democratic opposition in Russia.

Navalny's funeral will be held on Friday in a Moscow church. His widow, Yulia Navalnaya, told the European Parliament on Wednesday that she feared the event could be marred by disruption and arrests.

The opposition leader shot to prominence through his campaigning against corruption, which he said was rampant at the top of Putin's administration. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS

THAILAND

RECREATIONAL CANNABIS USE TO BE BANNED

Thailand will ban the recreational use of marijuana by the end of 2024, but continue allowing its use for medical purposes, the Health Minister Cholnan Srikaew said. After Thailand became the first country in South-east Asia to free up medicinal use in 2018, and then recreational use in 2022, tens of thousands of cannabis shops sprung up in an industry projected to be worth up to US$1.2 billion by 2025. "Without the law to regulate cannabis it will be misused. The misuse of cannabis has a negative impact on Thai children," Dr Cholnan said, adding that In the long run, it could lead to other drugs.

MALAYSIA

NORWAY'S KING TO STAY IN MALAYSIAN HOSPITAL

Norway's King Harald V, aged 87 and in poor health, is "improving" from an infection that forced him to be hospitalised while on holiday in Malaysia, according to his office. The king will remain in hospital on the island of Langkawi and it is not yet known when he will return home, the Royal House of Norway said in a statement.

INDONESIA

DEFENCE DEAL WITH PAPUA NEW GUINEA SIGNED

Papua New Guinea has ratified a defence pact with Indonesia, nearly 14 years after the prickly neighbours first signed it, said the government. The two countries first inked the deal in 2010, agreeing to share military intelligence, give logistical support and coordinate security operations. But while Indonesia ratified the document years ago, Papua New Guinea's parliament only did so on February 14, with the government bringing it into force a week later. Papua New Guinea has had difficult relations with Indonesia since Jakarta annexed West Papua after a contested vote of tribal representatives in 1969.

Shehbaz Sharif

New Pak PM to be elected on Sunday

ISLAMABAD

SHEHBAZ Sharif is set to become Pakistan's new Prime Minister on Sunday with the National Assembly Secretariat on Thursday announcing the schedule for the election of the head of the government.

According to the schedule, candidates can submit their nomination papers by Saturday, 2 pm. The scrutiny of the papers will be completed the same day.

It said that the procedure for the election of the premier was given to the newly elected lawmakers.

The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has nominated Shehbaz Sharif, 72, for the slot of prime minister while Omer Ayub Khan is the pick of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party.

Former prime minister Nawaz Sharif-led PML-N has received the support of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) led by former foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari to lead a coalition government after the February 8 elections resulted in a hung Parliament.

The agreement means Sharif is on course to become prime minister for a second time. Shehbaz earlier served as prime minister when the cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan's government was ousted in April 2022. The PML-N party president served as prime minister for 16 months till August 2023 when fresh elections were announced. Both Shehbaz and Bilawal have asserted that they have enough support to form a coalition government. *PTI*

EXPRESS READ

Man held in Spain for illegal military exports to Saudi Arabia

MADRID: Spanish police on Thursday said they had arrested the owner of a company that illegally exported military equipment to Saudi Arabia, some of which was used in the Yemen conflict. The firm, based in the southern port city of Malaga, exported "engines and spare parts for tanks and armoured personnel carriers" worth around $3 million, the Guardia Civil police said a statement. *AFP*

Biden and Trump all set for rival visits to Mexico border

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Joe Biden and his likely Republican challenger Donald Trump both head to the U.S.-Mexico border in Texas on Thursday in a sign of how central immigration has become to the 2024 election and how much both candidates want to use it to their advantage.

Each has chosen an optimal location from which to underscore his respective points.

US President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump

Biden, who wants to spotlight how Republicans tanked a bipartisan border security deal on Trump's orders, will go to the Rio Grande Valley city of Brownsville. For nine years, this was the busiest corridor for illegal crossings, but illegal crossings there have dropped sharply in recent months.

Trump, for his part, wants to continue his attacks on Biden and keep up his dialed-up rhetoric after saying migrants were poisoning the blood of Americans. He will do so from Eagle Pass, roughly 325 miles northwest of Brownsville, in the corridor that's currently seeing the largest number of crossings. Trump is expected to speak from a state park that has become a Republican symbol of defiance against the federal government's immigration enforcement practices.

In other words, the split screen moment couldn't possibly be more split, and each candidate is asking voters to side with his approach to immigration. *Agencies*

REMAINS OF 2011 TSUNAMI

Drones, snake robot enter wrecked Japan nuke plant

TOKYO

JAPAN on Thursday sent two mini-drones and a "snake-shaped robot" into one of three nuclear reactors at the Fukushima plant crippled by a tsunami in 2011, the facility's operator said.

The gadgets were deployed in preparation for the removal of hundreds of tonnes of highly radioactive fuel and rubble, a risky operation expected to take decades.

"We sent two drones yesterday and two drones today", in addition to the "snake-shaped robot" on Thursday, a spokesman for Tokyo Electric Power (TEPCO) said.

"Since the interior is cramped and dark, the small drones are highly manoeuvrable and have enhanced photographic capabilities", the company said. The "snake-like robot... houses wireless communications relay so that we can properly cover the radio transmission area within which the small drones will be operated", a statement said.

Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan

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But later in the day, the probe was curtailed due to technical glitches, local media including public broadcaster NHK said.

The snake-like robot "could not reach" its destination because its cables did not function properly, with immediate resumption nowhere in sight, the Mainichi daily said. The interior of the reactor buildings is too radioactive for people to enter, and the drones are meant to inspect the area before the removal of the fuel and rubble by robots.

TEPCO plans to carry out a trial removal of a small amount of fuel debris in October.

It had already sent an underwater robot to inspect parts of the facility still submerged, the spokesman said.

"It will take a long time to fully take off the 800 tonnes (of fuel), as the decommissioning period is thought to be 30 to 40 years," he said.

Separately, TEPCO on Wednesday began releasing a fourth batch of treated wastewater from the Fukushima plant into the ocean.

The process has been given the green light by the UN nuclear watchdog. *AFP*

Zuckerberg, S Korea prez talk AI cooperation

SEOUL

META chief Mark Zuckerberg met South Korea's President Yoon Suk Yeol in Seoul on Thursday and discussed cooperation on AI and ways to prevent fake news circulation ahead of key elections, Yoon's office said.

Zuckerberg is on a mini-tour of Asia that has included a stop in Japan, plus a three-day visit to Seoul where he met business leaders from electronics giants Samsung and LG. He heads to India next.

Yoon and Zuckerberg discussed cooperation between South Korean companies and Meta "as well as the vision to create an AI digital ecosystem", Sung Tae-yoon, Yoon's chief of staff for policy, told reporters. "Yoon emphasised South Korean companies' top place in the memory market for AI systems and asked Zuckerberg to forge close cooperations with them," the official said.

Yoon stressed that South Korea "with its diverse portfolio of smart electronics, wearable devices and smart cars, can become an outstanding platform" to apply Facebook parent Meta's artificial intelligence, Sung said.

Yoon told the Meta founder that Seoul would assist in any way "if necessary", Sung added. *AFP*

Govt approval for ₹75K crore rooftop solar subsidy plan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE government on Thursday approved the PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana to promote rooftop solar power and providing electricity relief to 1 crore households.

The scheme, with a total outlay of ₹75,021 crore, offers major financial assistance, easy loan options, and other benefits to encourage widespread adoption of rooftop solar panels.

Announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 13, 2024, the scheme promises to deliver up to 300 units of free electricity each month to a crore homes. The scheme provides subsidies to incentivise rooftop solar installation. For systems with a capacity of 2 kW, a 60% subsidy of the system cost is offered. For systems between 2 and 3 kW, a 40% subsidy is provided on the additional cost above 2 kW.

The maximum subsidy amount is capped at 3 kW, translating to ₹30,000 for 1 kW, ₹60,000 for 2 kW, and ₹78,000 for 3 kW or higher systems (based on current benchmark prices).

To facilitate installation, households can access collateral-free loans with low-interest rates (about 7%) for systems up to 3 kW. To foster solar adoption in rural areas, the programme will develop a "Model Solar Village" in each district, serving as a benchmark for others.

A 3 kW system, on average, can generate over 300 units of electricity a month, exceeding the scheme's free limit. Increased solar capacity and environmental benefits: The scheme is projected to add 30 GW of solar capacity via rooftop installations in residential sector, generating 1,000 billion units (BU) of clean electricity.

MINING

Govt announces second tranche of critical mineral auction worth ₹30L crore

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE government on Thursday announced the launch of the second part of its critical minerals auction worth an estimated ₹30 lakh crore (about $362 billion), the country's mines minister Pralhad Joshi said on Thursday.

A total of 18 blocks of critical and strategic minerals, including graphite, tungsten, vanadium, cobalt and nickel, among others, will be auctioned across eight states across the country.

These mineral blocks are spread across eight States, namely Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Tamil Nadu.

Meanwhile, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved amendments to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act). This action streamlines the mining process for 12 crucial minerals, paving the way for their first-ever auction in the country.

The amendment specifies royalty rates for Beryllium, Cadmium, Cobalt, Gallium, Indium, Rhenium, Selenium, Tantalum, Tellurium, Titanium, Tungsten, and Vanadium. This completes the rationalization of royalty rates for all 24 critical and strategic minerals identified by the government. Previously, rates were established for 11 minerals in 2022 and 2023.

NEW HORIZON

3 SEMICONDUCTOR PROJECTS RECEIVE GOVT APPROVAL

All three semiconductor units will start within next 100 days, says Ashwini Vaishnaw

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

IN a major breakthrough for the country's semiconductor industry, the government on Thursday approved the application for three projects. Tata Electronic Private Limited, a subsidiary of the Tata Group, received approval for fab manufacturing.

The first fab proposal, accepted by the government, will be set up in partnership with Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corp (PSMC) of Taiwan. The government also approved setting up two assembly, testing, marking, and packaging (ATMP) units – one in Assam and the other in Gujarat's Dholera. So far, India's semiconductor industry has received investment of ₹1.26 lakh crore for projects including that of US semiconductor major Micron technology for packaging unit in Gujarat. The Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw, said construction for all three semiconductor units will start within next 100 days.

"It is a remarkable achievement. It is a giant leap. Now, we are targeting to become a major player in the semiconductor value chain by 2029... PM Modi actually wants us to work on a 20 year vision for semiconductors," said Vaishnaw.

The fab will be constructed in Dholera, Gujarat, and will produce 50,000 wafer starts per month (WSPM). The total investment the company will make for it is ₹91,000 crore. The minister said the fab will mostly produce 28 nanometre (nm) chips, apart from 50 nm, 55 nm and 90 nm ones, and have 16,000 suppliers. PSMC is renowned for its expertise in the logic and memory foundry segments. PSMC operates six semiconductor foundries in Taiwan," said the minister.

Tata Group will establish a semiconductor packaging unit in Morigaon, Assam, with an investment of ₹27,000 crore. The unit will focus on developing indigenous advanced semiconductor packaging technologies, including flip chip and ISIP (Integrated System in Package) technologies. It will have a daily production capacity of 48 million chips.

As per estimates, the Centre and state government of Gujarat will cumulatively bear 70% of cost of the project in the form of subsidies. Another major project worth ₹76,000 crore is underway in Sanand, Gujarat. CG Power, Renesas Electronics Corporation (Japan), and Stars Microelectronics (Thailand) will collaborate to establish a separate unit there. The government said Renesas is a leading global player in microcontrollers, analog, power, and System on Chip (SoC) products. Renesas operates 12 semiconductor facilities worldwide and focuses on specialized chips. "India has now in just two years received 26 billion dollars of investments that are all either approved or under active consideration," said MoS Rajeev Chandrasekhar.

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Ashwini Vaishnaw, IT minister

'Entry in chip will de-risk global supply chains'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S entry into the semiconductor manufacturing will significantly de-risk global supply chains and will make the country a very important player in globally, said N Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Tata Sons.

Chandrasekaran further said the company has tradition to pioneer many sectors in the country, and it is confident to continue with semiconductor industry too. "Tata Group has a tradition of pioneering many sectors in the country, and we are confident that our entry in semiconductor fabrication will add to this legacy," said Chandrasekharan.

The company said the fab construction will begin this year with a total investment of up to ₹91,000 crore (~US$11bn) and will generate over 20,000 direct and indirect skilled jobs in the region.

This Fab unit will have a manufacturing capacity of up to 50,000 wafers a month and will include next-generation factory automation capabilities deploying data analytics and machine learning to achieve industry-best factory efficiency. The new semiconductor Fab will manufacture chips for applications such as power management IC, display drivers, microcontrollers (MCU) and high-performance computing logic. Randhir Thakur, CEO & MD, Tata Electronics, said the company's partnership with PSMC provides access to a broad technology portfolio in leading edge and mature nodes including 28nm, 40nm, 55nm, 90nm & 110nm and also collaboration for high volume manufacturing.

Fiscal deficit widens to 63.6% of budgetary target till Jan in FY24

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

INDIA'S fiscal deficit has expanded to 63.6% of the budgetary target for the current financial year until January.

The increase is attributed to slower capital expenditure and a more comfortable revenue expenditure scenario compared to the same period in the previous financial year.

The fiscal deficit has reached ₹11.02 lakh crore out of the total limit of ₹17.34 lakh crore. The target was revised to 5.8% of the GDP from the initial 5.9% estimate in the 2023 budget. In January alone, the fiscal deficit rose by ₹1.2 lakh crore, following the typical pattern of a quarterly increase. The pace of capital expenditure slowed in the first month of the fourth quarter, with capex amounting to ₹47,557 crore in January, down from ₹87,985 crore in December.

The total capex for the fiscal year is at ₹7.21 lakh crore, representing 75.9% of the revised capex target of ₹9.49 lakh crore, slightly lower than the corresponding period last year.

"The Government of India's fiscal deficit stood at ₹11.0 trillion or 64% of the FY2024 RE in April-January FY2024, lower than the 111.9 trillion recorded in April-January FY2023. While net tax revenues rose by 11%, non-tax revenues expanded by 46% boosted by the RBI dividend, amidst a tepid 1.4% growth in revenue expenditure, and a strong 26.5% YoY expansion in capex,"said Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, Head Research and Outreach, ICRA Ltd.

"While there may be some slippage in the disinvestment target and capex may trail the FY2024 RE, ICRA does not expect the revised fiscal deficit target of ₹17.3 trillion for FY2024 to be breached," she further added.

Core sector growth falls to 3.6%

The growth of eight key infrastructure sectors hit a 15-month low at 3.6% in January, primarily due to declines in fertilizer and refinery production, compounded by the base effects of 2023 when these sectors had grown by 9.7% in the same month. The Commerce and Industry Ministry also revised the growth rate for December 2023 to 4.9% from the previous estimate of 3.8%. Overall, the growth rate for these sectors dipped to 7.7% cumulatively, down from 8.3% in April-January 2022-23. The Index of Core Industries (ICI) contributes over 40% to the Index of Industrial Production (IIP). Despite this slowdown, output rose for the second consecutive month, reaching a ten-month high in absolute terms. Refinery products fell 4.3% in January, marking their first contraction in nine months, while electricity generation rebounded from a 1.2% increase in December to a 5.2% rise in January. Coal output growth decelerated to 10.2%, still maintaining a seventh consecutive month of double-digit growth. *ENS*

EXPRESS READ

Tax devolution of ₹1.42L cr to states

NEW DELHI: The Centre has released an additional instalment of tax devolution of ₹1,42,122 crore to state governments. This instalment is aimed at strengthening the hands of state governments for financing social welfare measures and infrastructure development schemes, finance ministry said in a statement on Thursday. This is in addition to the tax devolution of ₹72,961 crore already released on February 12, 2024. With Thursday's release, states have received three instalments of tax devolution in February 2024. *ENS*

Semiconductor R&D facility in Bengaluru

BENGALURU: Samsung Semiconductor India Research (SSIR) on Thursday announced the opening of its new R&D facility in Bengaluru. This is the company's second office in Bengaluru, with a capacity to accommodate close to 1,600 employees. The new campus has over 60 meeting rooms. "New facility in Bengaluru embodies our commitment to expanding our footprint in India. This new hub reinforces SSIR's standing as a crucial player in global innovation ecosystem", said Balajee Sowrirajan, EVP & MD at Samsung Semiconductor India. *ENS*

₹30L fine on AI for unavailability of wheelchair

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Thursday imposed a fine of ₹30 lakh on Tata Group airline Air India for denying wheelchair to an 80-year-old passenger, and he collapsed and later died after walking from plane to terminal at the Mumbai airport.

The incident took place on February 12. A senior official at DGCA on Thursday said a ₹30 lakh penalty has been imposed on Air India as it failed to provide wheelchair to the elderly.

"Air India didn't inform about any action taken by the airline against the erring employee(s) and the airline also failed to submit corrective actions taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in the future," the official said. Earlier this month, DGCA issued a show cause notice to the carrier. The airline submitted its response on February 20 that the elderly passenger wished to walk alongside his wife who was on a wheelchair too, rather than wait for another wheelchair.

"An advisory has been issued to all airlines to ensure that an adequate number of wheelchairs are available for passengers who require assistance during embarking," the DGCA official said.

Slow consumption growth, fading price increases pull down FMCG stocks

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

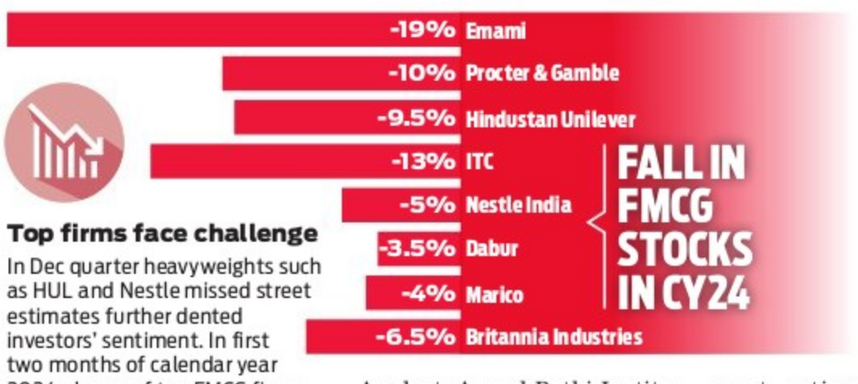
SLOW growth in consumption and the inability of large companies to go for price hikes amid fierce competition from small/regional players is weighing down heavily on fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) stocks.

A dismal earning show in December quarter where heavyweights such as HUL and Nestle missed street estimates further dented investors' sentiment. In the first two months of calendar year 2024, shares of top FMCG firms have fallen 4-19% while the sectoral index – Nifty FMCG – is down by about 6%. In comparison, share market benchmarks -- NSE Nifty50 and BSE Sensex -- have registered a small gain during this period.

"Our analyses of 11 FMCG companies (excluding ITC) showed Q3 revenue growth was just 2.1%, falling sharply from 6% in the first half and 13% in FY23. There has been a rise in competitive intensity, with small players getting aggressive. New launches and festival spending have led to a rise in advertising and promotional spending by 24% in Q4CY23 (after rising 30% YoY in prior two quarters). The above factors - a) weaker revenue growth b) rising competitive intensity have driven weakness in FMCG stocks in CY24 so far," said Ajay Thakur, Research Analyst, Anand Rathi Institutional Equities.

As inflation has cooled down in last few quarters, there has been a resurgence of small/regional players in the FMCG segment, eating leaders' share across categories such as soaps, detergents, hair oil, tea, and biscuits. Several listed FMCG firms like HUL, Godrej Consumer, Marico, Britannia and Tata Consumer recently highlighted competition they are facing from small players. Large FMCG firms are forced to go for price revision and spend heavily on marketing.

"The weakness in revenue growth of large FMCG players is driven by price increase fading (down to flat vs 9-10% pricing in Q1CY23). Urban volume growth has moderated a bit but rural volume growth has improved," said Thakur. He added that the FMCG sector is likely to deliver returns in line with its earnings growth and a 10-15% return is expected is CY24 as FMCG company performance is expected to improve in coming quarters.



Top firms face challenge

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Credit growth to industry moderates to 7.8% in January

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

CREDIT growth to industry moderated to 7.8% year-on-year in January 2024 compared to 8.1% in December 2023 and 8.7% in the same month last year, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in a statement.

Among major industries, growth in credit (YoY) to 'food processing' (7.9%) and 'textiles' (9.5%) accelerated in January 2024 as compared with the corresponding month of the previous year, while that to 'basic metal & metal products' (9.6%) and 'chemicals & chemical products' (8.4%) decelerated.

Credit to services sector grew by 20.7% (YoY) in January 2024 (21.4% a year ago) compared with 19.6% in December. Among major contributors, growth in credit (y-o-y) to 'trade' improved while that to 'non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)' decelerated in January 2024 compared to January 2023.

Early-stage start-ups witness uptick in fundraising

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

DESPITE funding winter, early-stage start-ups have been witnessing an uptick in fundraising, as in February alone, they managed to raise $274.2 million in 34 funding rounds compared to $242.6 million raised in the same month last year.

According to data sourced from Tracxn, early-stage start-ups raised $260.4 million in January in 26 rounds. However, this is less compared to $379.8 million it raised in the same month last year.

On Thursday, SaaS start-up Nurturev raised $1 million in pre-seed funding led by Antler India. On February 27, Reo.Dev, a marketing stack for developer focused companies, raised $1.2 million in pre-seed funding, with India Quotient leading the investment round.

Anand Lunia, General Partner at India Quotient, said that developers are driving the next trillion dollar infra and AI wave. Last week, AutoVRse, an AR/VR tech start-up, secured $2 million in its funding round led by Lumikai. Somdutta Singh, Serial Entrepreneur, Founder and CEO, Assiduus Global Inc and LP Angel Investor, said, there is a growing trend of early-stage startups actively seeking funding, and this is exciting, as it reflects both the increased confidence of founders and the growing appetite of investors to support ventures at an earlier stage.

Investors are approaching these investments with a cautious optimism, recognising the higher risk profile of early-stage ventures. "When we invest, we typically look for strong founding teams with a clear vision, a demonstrably differentiated product or service, and a solid plan for market validation and future growth," Somdutta added.

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Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created
(a)	(b)	c	(d)	(f)
1	**Mr. A Arya M (Borrower),** 57A, 3rd Cross Road, Ramanjanappa Layout, Udaya Nagar, Mahadevapura, Doorvani Nagara, Bengaluru-560048 **Also at :** # 6, Neahru Street, Udaya Nagar, Doorvaninagar, Bengaluru-560016 **Also at :** National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences, **Designation:** Nursing, **Department:** Clinical Nursing SER, Sampangiramnagar, Hosur Road, Bengaluru-560027, **Also at :** Unit-113, Green County, Byagadadenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru-560100.	**Loan A/c No. 673902732 Rs. 30,88,915/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Only) as on 31.01.2024**	**20.02.2024** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.07.2023**	Schedule A : All the piece and parcel of residentially converted lands bearing **Survey Numbers 61/1, 62/1, 62/6, 85/4, 85/5, 85/6, 85/7,85/9 and 85/10,** totally measuring **08 Acres 24 Guntas and 04 Guntas kharab ,** all are situated at Byagadadenahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. Schedule B : All the piece and parcel of the immovable residential Converted Site bearing **No.113, Property No.3642/85/7/113, E Khata No.150200101300722995** formed in **Survey Number 85/10 & 85/7** in the layout known as **"GREEN COUNTY"** situated at Byagadadenahalli Village, KAsaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and Layout Approved from Anekal Planning Authority (BMRDA/APA) vide approved No. APA/Lao/59/2017-18, Dated 30.07.2021 measuring East to West 49.57 feet and North to South 38.65 feet, totally measuring **1916 Sq.ft** and Bounded on: **East by :** 9.0 M Road, **West by :** Site No - 114, **North by :** Site No – 112, **South by :** Sy.No.85/8. And any construction Thereon present and future.
2	**Mr. Tomer Ajeet Singh (Borrower),** Tower H 1103, Ashiana LE Residency, Golf Links, NH 24, ALTTC, Ghaziabad, Mahrauli, Uttar Pradesh 201002, **Also at :** Larsen & Toubro Infotech Limited, **Designation:** Associate Director, **Department:** Data, Sy No 13 And 14 Ltimindtree, Mysore Road, RVCE Post, Global Village, R V Niketan, Bengaluru-560059 **Also at:** Unit-C-701, 7th Floor, Akruti Amity-LOS, S No 6/1, Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekla Taluk, Bengaluru-562107.	**Loan A/c No. 701473154 Rs.1,06,38,237/- (Rupees One Crore Six Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Seven Only) as on 31.01.2024**	**16.02.2024** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.02.2024**	Schedule A : All that piece and parcel of the property, converted land vide orders of conversion bearing Nos. (a) B.Dis.ALN (A)/SR/366/2004/2005 dated. 28.01.2005, (b) B.Dis. ALN (A)/SR/365/2004-05 dated. 28.01.2005 and (c) B.Dis. ALN (A) / (K&A) SR.184/2005-06, BEARING Sy.No.6/1 measuring in all 3 Acres 19 Guntas which is conjoint together situated at Kammasandra Village, Athibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the : **East by :** Govt.Halla, **West by :** Ananthanagar Layout, **North by :** Ananthanagar Layout & remaining portion of sy.No.6/1 belonging to Lakshmana, **South by :** Remaining portion of Sy.No.6/1 and 60' Road. Schedule B : A Three Bedrooms Flat / Apartment bearing **Flat No.C-701,** on the Seventh Floor of C-Block of the building known as **"AAKRUTI AMITY"** constructed in the schedule A property with a super built up area of **1640 Sq.Ft** (which is inclusive of proportionate share in balconies, common amenities, common areas attributable thereto and limited access to terrace area i.e., from the lift room to the water tank for the purpose of repairs), with RCC roofing, vitrified tile flooring, aluminium windows etc., together with 606 ft undivided share of right, title, interest and ownership in schedule A property and on surface covered car parking space in the Ground and bounded on the: **East by :** Flat No.C-702, **West by :** Open Space, **North by :** Open Space, **South by :** Corridor.

*with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to **HDFC Bank Limited** as aforesaid, then **HDFC Bank Limited** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.
The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **HDFC Bank Limited**. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 01.03.2024
Place: Bangalore

For HDFC Bank Ltd.
Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

THE NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD

Administrative Office: No.73/1, Gandhi Bazaar Main Road, Bangalore - 560 004.
Ph: 080-22421998, 22420819 E-mail: admin.ao@ncbl.org.in, www. ncbl.org.in

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s in particular that the under mentioned properties are mortgaged to **The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** and taken possession under the provisions of Section 13(4) and Rule 8 (6) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, will be sold by Public Auction as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and further interest, charges and costs etc, as detailed below by adopting any of the methods mentioned in Rule 8(5)of the above rules. The property is being sold on " **AS IS WHERE IS AND AS IS WHAT IS AND WHATEVER THERE IS" AND "NO RECOURSE BASIS"** and as such the sale is without any kind of warranties and indemnities.

Sl. NO	Name and address of borrowers & Mortgagors and guarantors / sureties	Amount of Secured Debt (as on 29.02.2024 plus future interest from 01.03.2024 and other charges, costs from thereon)	Description of the Property	Reserve Price And EMD	Date & Time of Public Auction	Branch Manager's Name and Phone Number
1)	**1. Sri Venkataramaih H. 2. Smt. Radhamma H** Both are residing at No 29, 3rd Main, 4Th Cross, Maruthi Layout, Basapura, Bangalore 560100.	**Rs. 36,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Only)**	All that part and parcel of the property No 29, Old Khatha No. 124, Formed in converted Sy No.32/1, New Khatha No 124/32/1/29, Basapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, belonging to Sri Venkataramaih H, Measuring East to West 40 ft., and North to South 26 ft., Totally 1,040 Sq.ft., with 2,600 Sq.ft. Building bounded on : East by : Site No 28, West by : Road, North by : Site No 30, South by : Private Property.	**Reserve Price : Rs. 85,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty Five Lakhs Only)** ---------- **EMD Amount : Rs.8,50,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Fifty Thousand only)**	**21.03.2024 10.30 AM**	**Smt. Rama S, Assistant General Manager, Gandhi Bazar Branch on Mobile No. 7349784526**
2)	**1. Sri. Manjunath N R 2. Smt.Savitha Manjunath** Both are residing at No.485/A, 4th A Cross, 1st Main, Vidyapeeta Layout, Thyagarajanagar, Bengaluru-560 028.	**Rs. 65,50,000/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)**	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.36 and 37 Khatha No.287,formed in Sy No.96 of Mallathahalli Village,Yeshwanthpur Hobli,Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 60 Feet Total Measuring 2400.00 Sq. Feet and bounded by the following boundaries: East by: Road, West by : Site No.39 and 38, North by : Site No.122A, South by: Site No.35.	**Reserve Price : Rs. 1,52,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Two Lakh Only)** ---------- **EMD Amount : Rs.15,20,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Twenty Thousand only)**	**21.03.2024 11.30 AM**	**Sri. Kishore Narasimha S, Manager, Banashankari 2nd Stage Branch. Mob : 7349784527**
3)	**1. Sri. Yogendra Naidu C, 2. Smt. Jamuna C 3. Mr. Ramesh Naidu. C, 4. Smt. Haritha** All are residing at # 359, 9th Main, AECS Layout, Singasandra, Bengaluru – 560068.	**Rs, 80,50,000/- (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)**	All that piece and parcel of A-Khata Property bearing No. 14, Madiwala, Notified Khata No. 42, Situated at Haralakunte Village, Begur Village, Begur Hobli,Muneshwara Layout, Kudlu Main Road, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560068. Measuring East to West 40 Feet & North to South 30 Feet. Totally Measuring 1200 Square feet bounded by following boundaries : East by : 25 feet Road , West by : Property of Vasantha Iyengar, North by : Site No. 15, South by : Site No. 13.	**Reserve Price : Rs. 91,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety One Lakh Only)** ---------- **EMD Amount : Rs.9,10,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Ten Thousand only)**	**21-03-2024 12.30 PM**	**Smt. Asha Harish, Assistant Manager, Koramangala Branch. Mobile No. 9739789911**
4)	**1. Sri.Nagaraju K 2. Smt.Shobha N** No.126, Chokkahalli, Chintamani Road, Hosakote Industrial Area, Hoskote-562 114	**Rs.74,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakhs Only)**	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Sy No.1, Present E-Khata No.150300401200100383, Chokkahalli Village,Hosakote taluku, Bengaluru Rural. Measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1800 Sq.ft and bounded by Following boundaries. East by : Venkatacharulu property, West by : Thimmaiah's Property, North by : Narasimhamappa's Property, South by : Road.	**Reserve Price : Rs. 47,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Only)** ---------- **EMD Amount : Rs.4,70,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Thousand only)**	**15-04-2024 10.30 AM**	**Smt. Indira A R, Assistant Manager, Indiranagar Branch, Bangalore on Mobile No. 8861004569**
5)	**1. Sri.Narayanaswamy K, 2. Smt.Dhanalakshmi, 3. Sri.Harish Kumar, 4. Smt.Saraswathi,** No.126, Chokkahalli, Chintamani Road, Hosakote Industrial Area, Hoskote-562 114	**Rs.4,62,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Sixty Two Lakhs Only)**	All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.126, Sy No.1, Chokkahalli Village, Chintamani road, Hosakote taluku, Bengaluru Rural. Measuring East to West 32.004 Mtrs and North to South 28.956 Mtrs feet totally measuring 926.70 Sq Mtrs. With a Building of 8000 Sq.ft and bounded by Following boundries. East by : Venkatacharulu property, West by : Ramaiah's Property, North by : Road, South by : M.Narayana's property	**Reserve Price : Rs. 2,56,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Six Lakhs Only)** ---------- **EMD Amount : Rs.25,60,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Sixty Thousand only)**	**15-04-2024 11.30 AM**	**Smt. Indira A R, Assistant Manager, Indiranagar Branch, Bangalore on Mobile No. 8861004569**

TERMS AND CONDTIIONS OF AUCTION SALE:-
1) For participating in auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% of Reserve Price by RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer to the credit of **A/C No "024102000009034- A/c Name: The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd, through IFSC Code "IBKL0000024" BANK: IDBI Bank, Branch :J P Nagara Sarakki Lake Or by Demand Draft /Pay Order in favour of " The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd,"** payable at Bangalore so as to reach us On or before Auction Date. The intending bidders have to submit copy of ID and address proof and PAN Card to the Authorized Officer The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Gandhi Bazaar Main Road, Bangalore-560004. The EMD will not carry any interest.
2) The property "SHALL NOT BE SOLD" below the Reserve Price.
3) The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) immediately on declaring him as successful bidder, and the balance 75% of bid amount within 15 days after the sale date by RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer to the credit of **A/C No "024102000009034- A/c Name: The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd, through IFSC Code "IBKL0000024", Bank: IDBI Bank, Branch : J P Nagara Sarakki Lake** Or by Demand Draft /Pay Order in favour of " The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd.," payable at Bangalore
4) In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder as mentioned above, the sale shall be treated as cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited.
5) The property is put for sale on the condition "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS "and" NO RECOURSE " basis. The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, Ownership, Statutory approvals, encumbrances, claims etc., in regard to the property. The Bidder has to bear the Registration Charges, Stamp Duty, Cess, Sales Tax (if applicable) and any other statutory dues or other dues like Municipal Tax, Electricity Charges, Land use conversion charges, Society Charges, Maintenance Charges, Akrama / Sakrama and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates and any outgoings relating to the property.
6) General Power of Attorney holders, agents and any other persons are not allowed to participate in the auction on behalf of the bidders.
7) This is also notice to the (Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor) of the aforesaid loan dues about holding of Auction sale on above mentioned date if the dues are not repaid in full.
8) The Bank reserves the right to cancel / postpone the Auction without assigning any reasons.
9) The Authorized Officer is presumed to have information about the mortgaged property. However, Authorized Officer is not responsible for any wrong information which has not come to his notice.
10) The intending bidders may visit / inspect the properties on all working days between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM, before the auction date.
11) Bid increment amount of Rs **1,00,000/- (Rupees one Lakh Only).**
12) Place of Auction: **The National Co Operative Bank Ltd. Administrative Office,** No.73/1, Gandhi Bazar Main Road, Bengaluru 560004.
13) The Bidders should present 15 minutes before the start of Auction.
The terms and conditions of sale shall be strictly as per the provisions of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Date: 29.02.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **Mr. SENTHILKUMAR RAJAGOPAL,** S/o Mr. Rajagopal intend to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from **Sri KAMALAMMA,** W/o Late R. Byrappa, If any person/persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any rights, title and interest over the schedule property may forward their objections or claims to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents **within Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this publication. If there were to be no response to this notice within the time stipulated, my client will proceed with the registration of the absolute sale deed. Any response after the expiry of the stipulated time, the same will be ignored.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No 64, Property ID : 3217050227, situated at ANJANAPURA LAYOUT, 5th Block, Bangalore, formed by Bangalore Development Authority, measuring East to West : 12.00 Meters and North to South: 15.0+15.40/2 Meters totally measuring 182.40 Square Meters and bounded on: **East by:** Site No 65, **West by:** Site No 63, **North by:** Site No.50, **South by:** Road.

BASAVARAJU .H, Advocate
A & B LAW ASSOCIATES
No 2720, 12th Main, 4th Block
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my clients have entered into sale agreement dated 19.02.2024 with **Miss. Latha Lakshminarayan Iyer D/o late Lakshminarayan K.S** in respect of her self-acquired Three Bed Room **(3 BHK)** residential Flat bearing No.201, Present No.3/11, PID No.57-233-3/11 in the **Second Floor** of the residential Apartment Building called **"SHRAVANTHI RAFFLE"** constructed on the property bearing site No.3, Sarakki 6th Phase (Industrial), Bangalore for valuable sale consideration.

In view of the above, it is hereby notified that, claims of ownership or such other claims if any in respect of the above said residential flat, the same may be notified to the address given below in writing together with supporting documents with in a period of **7 (Seven) days** from the date of this notification. If no valid claims or objections are received within stipulated period, my clients shall be at liberty to proceed with the sale transaction.

Claims/objections if any received on expiry of the stipulated period will be ignored.

A.T. MANOHAR, Advocate
No.55, 'SAISADANA', 13th'A'Cross,
Sarakki Gate, 1st Phase, J.P.Nagar,
Bangalore-78. Cell : 9902936363

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **NATARAJA K .G** S/o. Sri. Gangaiah, aged about 45 years, R/at No.5, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Near Anytime water plant, Tulasinagara, G.Hosahalli, Bengaluru, having the Original Salae Deed Deed dated 06.02.2006, vide Doc.No.BLN-1-23477-2005-06 of Book-1, registered in the office of the Sub-registrar Bengaluru North Taluk, in respect of site No.5, Assessment No.34/3, Gramatana Khatha No.343, Hosahalli Gollarapalya, Yeswanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North taluk, measuring (30X40) and the aforesaid Original Sale Deed was lost while Traveling in the bus on 28.02.2024, he has made best efforts in tracing the aforesaid document, but efforts were in vain. Further he lodged a police complaint on 29.02.2024 in this regarding, if anyone found this document, kindly contact at the office address given below.

Shivareddy.R, B.A., LLB,
Advocate & Solicitors, No.105 and 106, 1st Floor,
Suraj Plaza", No.196/8, 8th F Main, 3rd Block,
Jayanagar, Bangalore - 11
Mobile No.9035056468

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, I, **G.GOWRISHANKAR** S/o Gopal is residing at No.4/3, 3rd Floor, Maldarpet, Nagarathpet Cross, Bengaluru - 560 002, my client is availing a loan from Piramal Housing Finance Ltd., who has going to purchase the schedule House building property bearing Katha No. 1/27 and 1/28, Site No. 172, of Pillaganahalli, Uttarhalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, B.B.M.P. B-Katha No. 1/27 and 1/28, measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 40 feet total 600 Sq.ft. site and building thereon from the owner Sri V.MANJUNATH, S/o Late Venkataramanappa, No. 2/2, 2d Main, Thavarekere, B.T.M.Layout, Bengaluru - 560 029 in respect of the schedule property, if there is any objection please intimate us on or before 7 days from the date of this public notice, afterwards, we consider that there is no any objection in respect of the schedule property and we get a suitable Sale Agreement in respect of the schedule property. This is for the information of the public.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Eastern portion of House building property bearing Katha No. 1/27 and 1/28, Site No. 172, of Pillaganahalli, Uttarhalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, B.B.M.P. B-Katha Sl.No. 815, presently B Katha Sl.No. 703, property No. 1/27, 1/28, 172/815 measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 40 feet total 600 Sq.ft. site and building thereon and bounded on: **East by:** Property No.173, **West by:** Western portion of same property No. 172, **North by:** property No. 191, **South by:** Road,

BELI ASSOCIATES,
Mob: 9644389978

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE
Auction Sale of property on 15/03/2024

That pursuant of the orders passed by the Hon'ble City Civil Judge, CCH-11 In Execution No.320/2020, dated 27/1/2024 in execution of the decree passed in O.S. No.263/2006 and FDP No. 75/2010, the property morefully described in the schedule herein below will be sold in Public auction, to be held on 15.03.2024 at 11.00 AM at the schedule property. Any person or persons interested to participate in the auction may do so subject to the following terms and conditions.
1. The Reserve sale price of the schedule property for auction sale shall be Rs.36,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs only).
2. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder the property shall be again put for auction.
3. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser. If the price offered appears so clearly inadequate the commissioner can decline acceptance of the highest bid and can adjourn the sale.
4. The auction purchaser/s shall produce authenticated documentary proof of his/her identity and his/her PAN card before the commencement of the auction sale to the court commissioner.
5. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Reserve sale price i.e. Rs. 9,00,000/-(Rupees Nine Lakhs only) by way of D.D. Drawn in favour of Registrar City Civil Court Bengaluru to the court Commissioner, immediately after the acceptance the highest bidder.
6. The successful bidder shall deposit the balance amount of the highest bid amount before the court within 15 days from the date of the conclusion of the auction sale.
7. In the event the successful bidder defaults in paying the balance sale consideration amount within the stipulated period as mentioned above, the auction sale shall be deemed to be invalid and the initial deposit made by the successful bidder shall be subject to further orders of the Hon'ble court and if the Hon'ble court deems fit, the said amount shall be forfeited. Further the defaulting bidder shall forfeit all the claim to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold. The successful bidder who has defaulted in paying the balance sale consideration amount shall also be liable to bear the expenses of this auction sale.
8. In default of payment of the balance money within stipulated period, the property shall be resold after the issuance of a fresh notification of sale.
9. The auction sale is subjected to confirmation by the Hon'ble court on 21.3.2024.

Schedule property

All that piece and parcel of the land and structures and fixtures thereupon bearing Municipal No.12, situated at 'G' 4th Street, Jogupalyam, Ulsoor, Municipal Division No.52, Bangalore measuring East 21 1/4 feet West 21 1/2 feet North 28 1/2 feet and South by 28 1/2 feet and bounded as follows :-
East by : Another portion of property No.12, **West by :** Road,
North by : Passage leading to another portion of premises No. 12, **South by :** Narayanappa's House.

H. R. SOMEGOWDA Advocate/Court Commissioner
No.26, 18th 'A' Cross, Bandappa Garden, Muthyalanagar, Bangalore - 560 054. Mobile No.9449520239.

IN THE COURT OF 73rd ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)

P & S.C NO. 25015/2024

BETWEEN:K.S. SHANKAR. S/o Late K Satyanarayana OLD NO. 11, NEW NO. 46, 2ND CROSS, NEAR AYYAPPPA TEMPLE, NEW BYAPANAHALLI EXTENSION INDIRA NAGAR POST, BANGALORE- 560038 ...**PETITIONER**
And:NIL ...**RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Where as the above named has filed above petition, under section 276 of Indian succession act, for the grant of succession certificate in favor of the petitioner in respect of the suit schedule property mention below. Held by Smt Late Gowramma executed a will in favour of the petitioner, who expired on 14/12/2020, interested parties are hereby called upon to appear this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **19/03/2024 at 11. A.m** inform to show cause against the petition failing wherein the appearance will heard and declared as ex-parte.

Schedule

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy. No.73, New Sy. No.73/1, measuring 20 guntas, Situated at New Thippasandra Main Road, Thippasandra Post Bangalore-560 075. bounded on **East By:-** Private Property **West BY :-** Channel and private Property **North By :-** BEML Main Road (THIPPASANDRA Main Road) **South By :-** putappa layout
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE COURT ON THIS 27th day of February 2024

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru

Advocate for the petitioner
K. Suresh Desai Advocate
Mob:- 9901902303

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Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North No.635 C (New No.25/2), 1st Main Road, E Block, 2nd Stage, Rajaji Nagar, Dr Rajkumar Road, Bengaluru – 560010. Mail Id : arb.bengalurunorth@unionbankofindia.bank

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India (secured Creditor) will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Branch : Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North : Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: 1) Mr. Ramesh V S/o Varadappa No.415, Srinivas Nagar, Yellamma Temple, 9th D Main Road, 5th B cross, Bangalore-560050, **2) Mr. Umesh K M** S/O Mylarappa D No.11 Kurubarakarenahalli, Ramanagar District Bangalore-562109 Amount due: **Rs. 20,33,994.00/-** (Rupees Twenty Lakh thirty three Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety four Only) + Future interest + Other expenses

Description Of Property : Residential building property NO 415, Site No 9, Sy No 8/3 Srinivas Nagar ,5th B cross road, Manjunatha House Building Co-operative Society Ltd, Gerehalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore-560050 , belonging to Mr.Ramesh V S/o Varadappa and measuring East to West 30.00 feet and North to South 18.00 feet totally measuring 540 sqft and Bounded By : East: Site No.8, West: Site No.10, North: Site No.13, South : Road.

Reserve Price : Rs. 40,50,000.00/- EMD : Rs. 4,05,000.00/- Bid Multiplier : Rs.1,00,000/-
The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor : Nil. However the interested bidders are requested to verify the EC and other relevant documents at their end before bidding for the property/ies in the proposed E-Auction Date of Sale Notice : 26.02.2024
Account bearing Number 800001980050000 A/C Name : Inward RTGS IFSC Code : UBIN0580007
Type of Possession : Symbolic Possession.
Name of the Contact Person & Contact No. Chief Manager - Mr. Moorthi.V, Contact No. 9003223669, Sr. Manager - Mr. Raviraju M N Contact No.9844999917

Last date of EMD submission:
On or before the commencement of e-auction
Date & Time of E-auction: 27-03-2024 (Wednesday)
from 11.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M with 10 min unlimited auto extensions

Note: (1) The intending purchaser required to register through https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp
The amount of EMD (10%) should be paid through the Website www.mstcecommerce.com and the balance amount of sale price should be paid through the Account Number mentioned in the Sale Notice. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided as mentioned below banks website and e-auction agent website. Digital Signature is not mandatory.

www.unionbankofindia.co.in | www.mstcecommerce.com.

Date: 27.02.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

ARM-1 Branch,
2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower,
M.G. Road Bangalore-560001
PH: 080- 25588028, 25588641
E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 05.04.2024 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM), for recovery of Rs.15,74,70,143.31** (Rupees Fifteen Crore Seventy Four lakhs Seventy thousand One hundred and Fourty Three and Thirty One paise only) as on **28.02.2024** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **1) Kushal Mine Link, Rep. by Proprietor, S L Shantha Kumar,** S/o Lingappa, "Chandra Shree Nilaya", 2nd cross, Vidyanagar, Chikkanayakanahalli, Tumkur, **Also At,** " Kushal Nilaya", 1st cross, 1st main, 1st division, jogihalli Colony, Vidyanagar, Chikkanayakanahalli, Tumkur, **2) P N Shashikanthalu,** S/o Sri. Narasimha Shetty, Residing at 6th Main Road, K R Extension , Tiptur, Tumkur -572201, **3) S Sushma,** D/o Sri. S M Shivanna, Residing at No.17, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Harini Vidyalaya, Shivanagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. **4)S Reshma,** W/o M R Shashi Kumar, Residing at No.17, 2nd Mian, 2nd cross, Harini Vidyalaya, Shivanagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. **5) S Mohith Gowda,** S/o S M Shivanna, Residing at No.17, 2nd Main, 2nd cross, Harini vidyalaya, Shivanagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. **6) S M Shivanna,** S/o Late Motappa, Residing at No.17, 2nd Main, 2nd cross, Harini Vidyalaya, Shivanagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore.**7) M Shakuntala,** W/o S L Shantha Kumar, Residing at" Kushal Nilaya", 1st cross, 1st Main, 1st Division, Jogihalli colony, Vidyanagar, Chikkanayakanahalli, Tumkur. **8) K M Sridhar,** S/O K B Marulasiddappa, Residing at SBI building, B H Road, Huliyar,Chikkanayakanahalli, Tumkur.
The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposits, Auction date, last date of submission of Bid details is as under.
The Earnest Money shall be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bangalore OR through online **(RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer - IFSC CODE CNRB0002366)** to the credit of the account number **209272434,** Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bangalore on or before **04.04.2024 :** (₹. in Lakhs)

Lot No	Description of the immovable/movable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at Bid
1	Residential Site Bearing No.76, 77, 78 and 79. Old No.119/122, Assessment No.1393, Sl No.1107, Ashwathnarayana Layout, Shri Sharada Nagar, Lingadahalli Village, Tadsur Grama Panchayath Kasaba Hobli, Tiptur Taluk, Tumkur Dist-572201	22.70	2.27	₹.1.00
2	Property Bearing Site No.3, katha No.3430/3382/3, Site No.4 Katha No.3431/3383/4, Site No.5 katha No.3432/3384/5 site No.6, Katha No.3433/3385/6, Site No.7 katha No.3434/3386/7 Site No.8, Katha No.3435/3387/8, Site No.9 Katha No.3436/3388/9 Site No.10 Katha No.3437/3389/10 and site No.11 Katha No.3438/3390/11 Ward No.5/8 near Venkanna Katte, Adjacent to Govt Degree College Compound, Chikkanayakanahalli Town, Tumkur Dist	71.50	7.15	₹.1.00
3	All the part and parcel of house property bearing ward No. 107, BBMP Khata No. 17, PID No. 20-07-17, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Shivanagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010.	389.49	38.95	₹.1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.9448507473 and other contact No. 9900472090 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 29.02.2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Smt. Sheela Shankar,** W/o C Shankar, residing at Shiva Smarane, Opp Mythri Appartment Road, Devarajaurs Extension, Kashipura Shivamogga-577204, being absolute owner of the scheduled property has represented that he has lost the following Original Documents while shifting his residence;

(1) Allotment letter in respect of the Scheduled Property. **(2)** Sale Deed executed by SRO Kengari, Bangalore on 08.05.2000 in favour of Smt Sheela Shankar registered as Document No. KNGRA-1-1106-2000-01 on 08.05.2000, in the Office of Sub Registrar, Kengari, Bangalore in respect of Site No. 83/4 measuring 2700 sq.ft.

My client has lodged a Police Complaint before Karnataka State Police vide Lost Report No. 0425357/2022 dated 26.12.2022.

If any person/s is in possession of the said Original Documents, he/she may please hand over the same either to the undersigned or to the Owner within 15 days from the date of issue of this Public Notice, failing which my Client believing that there are no claims or objections whatsoever, will proceed without original documents and use the Certified Copies of the same to enforce for all future transactions.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property of Site No. 83/4, formed in government owned Sy. No. 97, situated in Kumalgodu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Banglore South Taluk, Land measuring East to West 60 ft., North to South 45 ft., in total 2700 sq.ft., and bounded on ;

East by : Road,	West by : Site No. 82/1
North by : Site No. 83/3,	South by : Road

Sheela Shankar
Mobile No.: 9964289695

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

My client **Mr. Mujeer Ahmed N C/o. Naseer Ahmed,** R/a. No. No. 15, Old No. 10, Nanjappa Garden Haines Road Cross, Cleveland Town, Fraser Town, Bengaluru-560005, had lost the following Original Documents with respect to the Schedule Property.

1. Gift deed executed by Mr. S. Lourdunathan in favour of Mr. L. Arokiaswamy Albert, registered as document No. 436/02-03, in Book 1, in the office of sub- registrar. Shivajinagar, Bangalore.
2. Special Power of Attorney executed by Mr.Syed Saifulla in favour of Mr. Syed Salimulla, registered as Document No. CMP-4-00132-2015-16, in book 1, stored in CD No. CMPD137, in the office of sub-registrar Chamarajepete.

If any person finds the aforesaid Original Deeds kindly handover the same to my address mentioned hereunder within **Seven (07) days** from the date of publication of this notice and the same has been has been recorded in the Police bearing No. 0955104/2024.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing B.B.M.P. Municipal No.15 Old No.10, Measuring East: 43 feet, West: 18 feet 3 inches plus 10 feet plus 14 feet, North: 41 feet 9 inches, South: 15 feet 9 inches plus 2 feet plus 11 feet 6 inches total Measuring 1150.75 square feet, Situated at Nanjappa Garden (Nanjappa Thota), Cleave land Town, Division No.91 Bangalore. Allotted P.I.D.No 91-93-15, Bangalore, Comprising of land with fallen down structure and bounded on:

East by: Gangadhar Mudaliar's Property, West by: No.15/2, Nanjappa Thota, Two feet common passage between this property and 15/2 Nanjappa Thota, and Durgiah's property, North by: Private Property, South by: Property No.15/2 of Mr.Arokyaswmy Albert and Road.

Mohan Ram B R, Advocate
No. 47/1, Austin Plaza, Austin Town, Bangalore-560047. Contact No. 8722671564
Bengaluru, Date : 29-02-2024

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE LXXXII ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, COMMERCIAL COURT AT BENGALURU (CCH-83)

Com. AP. No.153/2023 In A. Case No. 118/2020

BETWEEN: K.N. Rajesh, S/o K.N.Narasimhaiah, aged about 54 years, Residing at No. 11, 10th Cross, Jnanajyothi, Nagar, Jananabharathi Bengaluru- 560 056 ... **PETITIONER**

AND: K.N. Mahesh, S/o K.N.Narasimhaiah, aged about 52 years, Residing at No. 1, Sri Lakshmi, Block No.2, Besides KHB Office, Rajendra Nagar, Shimoga-577201 ... **RESPONDENT No.1**

K.N. Dinesh, S/o K.N. Narasimhaiah, Aged about 56 years, Residing at No. 1, Sri Lakshmi, Block No.2, Besides KHB Office, Rajendra Nagar, Shimoga- 577201 ... **RESPONDENT No.2**

A.D. Ambareesh, S/o Mr. Dattatreya Bhat, Aged about 58 years, Residing at No. 155, 2nd Cross, Canara Bank Colony, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Bangalore-560072 **...RESPONDENT No.3**

B.R. Jadav, S/o Late M.R.Subbajirao, Aged about 64 years, Residing at No. 40/301, Raghavendra, Residency, 1st Cross, 12th Main, 5th Phase, J.P. Nagara, Bangalore-560 078 **....RESPONDENT No.4**

Ramakrishna Bhat, District Judge (Retd.), Arbitration and Conciliation Centre, 3rd floor east wing, Khanija bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560 001 **...RESPONDENT No.5**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE PETITION INSTITUTED UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION ACT, 1996 READ WITH RULE 4 OF THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA ARBITRATION (PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COURTS) RULES 2001 READ WITH SECTION 10(3) OF THE COMMERCIAL COURTS ACT-2015 AND ORDER V RULE 20 (1) OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1908.

Whereas the Petitioner has filed this petition under section 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 seeking to set aside the award dated 11/07/2023 passed by the Ld. Arbitral Tribunal in AC No. 118/2020.

You are hereby summoned to appear in Com. AP. No. 153/2023 before the Hon'ble City Civil Judge, Commercial Court at Bengaluru (CCH 83) in person or through a pleader duly instructed on **19-03-2024** at 11:00 A.M and set forth your defence.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day aforementioned, the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 28-02-2024.

By order of tthe court, Sheristedar, city civil court at Bangalore.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT-2)
No 4, Residence Road LIC Jeevan Mangal Building Hayes Road, Bangalore 560025

FORM NO.4
[See treguloation-15(1) (b)]

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 170F SECURITIZATION ACT R/W PROVISIONS OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL ACT AND THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 AS AMEND FROM TIME TO TIME.

Case No: TSA 05/2023

SATISH KUMAR K
V/S
STATE BANK OF MYSORE AND ANOTHER

To,
Mr.Bharath K Doshi S/o Sri Kantilal K Doshi R/o No.2336, KR Road, Banashankari 2nd Statge, Bangalore-560070.

Also Residing at
No.21-5, Opposite Manesar Theatre, Vasanthapura, Doddakallasandra, Konankunte Cross, Banashankari, Bangalore-560062.

An application under section 17(1) of the securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act 2002 has been filed before this tribunal on 20/01/2022 in the court of preceding officer/register. (a copy of application is enclosed).

Show cause as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. You are required to file reply, if any in your defense in the paper book from in to complete sets and produce all the documents and affidavit in your support in the tribunal personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner and appear before this Tribunal **on 01/03/2024 at 10:30 A.M.** failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. You are further directed to supply advance copy of the reply to the SA to the counsel for the applicant.

By
Given under my hand and the seal of this tribunal on this date: **28.02.2024**

By order of Tribunal
Signature of the officer
Authorized person

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform and whatsoever it may concern that my client This is inform and whatsoever it may concern that my client **Sri Keshava .R,** S/o. Ramachandrappa, Aged about 39 years, R/at.Mandibele Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District has intending to purchase the schedule Property from its present owner viz., Sri.K.Srinivas S/o. K.Narayana Rao, R/at. Addagutta Housing Society, No.137C and 138B, Opp.JNTU College, KPHV, Hyderabad (AP.

If any third party/s Person/s has/have any manner of right, title, interest, demand, clients, charges or lien over the schedule property they are hear by requested to file the objections to this sale transaction or mortgage of said property to the financial intuitions/Bank/third parties and shell informed/said object the same in writing along with the photocopies, related such claims, objections through the RPAD with the under mentioned address **within 10 days** from the publication of this notice.

If no valid claim/objections are received by the undersigned as aforesaid, my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction deeming that apart from the aforesaid owner no one else has/have any manner of right or claim or interest whatsoever over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural property bearing property bearing Sy.No.139 measuring 4 acres, situated at Mandibele Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

K.V. MAHENDRA KUMAR, Advocate
1st Floor, Abhay Complex, Above Union Bank, Sulibele Road, Devanahalli-562 110
Mob: 9538276877

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Follow us on @SCRailwayindia
Details of the Tender Notices of S.C Railway can be seen on our website : www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Tender No.B/E.29-TRD-TNDR-26-2023-24

Tenders are invited in IREPS by the undersigned for the following works.

Sl No. 1 Open e-Tender Notice No. : B/E.29-TRD-TNDR-26-2023-24 Dt.27.02.2024 **Name of Work:-** Vijayawada Division - Replacement of Existing masts with new masts at Reduced Contact wire Height locations (60 locations). (2) Modification to existing anchor loops (3) Provision for Raising of muffs for traction masts/structures in connection with track renewal works. **Approx. Value :** (₹) 1,06,81,288/- **Bid Security (EMD) :** (₹) 2,03,400/- **Completion period :** 12 Months **S.No. 1 - Cost of Tender form :** (₹) Nil

Sr.Divisional Electircal Engineer/ TrD/Vijayawada
A0244

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby informed that my client has Agreed to purchase the below mentioned property from 1.SMT. CISSAMMA JOSE, W/O. JOSE KURIAN, 401, Petra Park, Ramamurthynagar Main Road, VTC: Bengaluru North, P.O: Dooravaninagar, Bengaluru District - 560 016. 2.SMT. ANN MARY JOSE AMJ, D/O.JOSE KURIAN, Thekanady HAL 2nd Stage, 1064, 7th Main, Indiranagar, Bengaluru – 560 038, its present owners.

Any person or persons, financial institutions, Banks, etc., asserting any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner whatsoever or having any claim against the Schedule Property or the documents thereof or against the Owners or objecting to the proposed transaction for sale with our client, should write to the undersigned within Seven days from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof on which, they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims, of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land with building bearing No.1 in H.L.97/1, situated in Doddagubbi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru bounded on the: East : Site No.2; West : Private Property; North : Road; and South : Private Property.

Measuring on the: East : 99 Feet; West : 100 Feet; North: 85 Feet; and South : 85.05 feet.
With a total area of 8460 Sq. Ft.
The building in 100 Sq. Ft. with A.C. Roof.

Contact:
VENKATESH R. BHAGAT, VINITH V. BHAGAT, Advocates,
Bhagat Law Chambers
100, Donna Bas Tower, 1st Floor, Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West, BENGALURU - 560 020. M.: 9448220515

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are Re-invited for the supply of following items.

(1) 78074, (2) 78084, (3) 78103 - Hiring of Open Deck Electric Buses (AC Lower Deck) with Driver.

Note: For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in**

PRO/AAM(M)/150/2024 **GENERAL MANAGER**

OFFICE OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Constituted under Section 4(3)of the Odisha Lokayukta Act, 2014. Room No.1 State Guest House,Bhubaneswar, Odisha
Web-portal www.odishalokayuktasearchcommittee.in
email: lokayuktasearchcommittee@gmail.com
Off. Tel: 0674-2393969, Mob: +919422172230 (H B Panda)

EMPANELMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR FILLING UP THE POSTS OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE ODISHA LOKAYUKTA UNDER THE ODISHA LOKAYUKTA ACT, 2014 (Odisha Act 12 of 2018).

T-178: Applications are invited for filling up 1 (one) post of Chairperson and 5 (five) posts of Members (out of which 2 (two) Judicial Members and 03 Non-Judicial Members) in the Lokayukta of Odisha.

Eligibility criteria (age, qualification, area of special knowledge and expertise and years of experience and other details) are available under Advertisement **No. GAD-LK-LOK-0003-2024/02/ OLSC24/02/OLSC, Dt. 28th February, 2024** on the Search Committee's website www.odishalokayuktasearchcommittee.in alongwith a link for online submission of application/nomination. Applicants and Nominating Authorities are advised to go through the detailed advertisement before filling in application/nomination form.

- **Date of online submission of application/nomination: From 01.03.2024 to to 05.00 PM of 11.03.2024.**
- All applicants must submit their applications in the proforma prescribed in the web portal (www.odishalokayuktasearchcommittee.in). Physical applications shall not be accepted. Applications which are not in the prescribed proforma will be summarily rejected.
- Provided, that nominations recommended by Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Chief Justice/s of High Court and Hon'ble Former Chief Justice/s of High Courts (except self)will be accepted in offline mode. The recommended nominations will have to emailed at: lokayuktasearchcommittee@gmail.com

Place: Bhubaneswar
Date: 28.02.024

Sd/-
Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
General Administration & Public Grievance Department and Convener, Search Committee

OIPR-09010/11/0004/2324

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RACPC Banaswadi , Dolphin Mansion, Near Bus Depot, 1st Main Road,HBR Layout, 2nd Block, Stage – 1, Hennur Gardens, Bengaluru 560 043
Ph No.080-25943791/25943790, E-mail id-racpc.banaswadi@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

INICIO/A/c. No.:HTL:30126565535, HTL:41132101276,

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice **dated 23.11.2023** calling upon the borrower: **Shri Arun kumar** S/o Shri R.Achuthan and **Smt Bharathi Kumar** W/o Shri Arun kumar residing at Door No. 436, Vth Main, Vth Block, 1st Stage, HBR Layout, Bangalore 560043 also at Technical Support Expert in India Tech Support USCTS Chat, Dell International Services India Limited No. 12/1,12/2A,13/1A, Divyashree Greens, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, (Domlur) Domlur Post, Bangalore 560071 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.73,14,431.00** (Rupees Seventy-three lakh fourteen thousand four hundred thirty one Only) as on 22.11.2023 and interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower did not repay the said amount. The loan outstanding now stands at Rs.73,10,244.00 as on 26.02.2024 plus interest and other expenses.

The borrower/guarantor have failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **28.02.2024.**

The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an aggregate amount of **Rs.73,10,244.00 as on 26.02.2024 plus interest and other expenses.**

The borrower's / guarantor's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing site No.436,5th Main Vth Block,1st Stage, Hennur Bellary Road Layout, Bangalore-560043 East Taluk Bangalore 560 043. Now this property comes under the jurisdiction of Byatarayanapura CMC measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 feet, in all totally measuring 1200 sq ft, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by : Site No.437 , West by : Site No.435, North by : Site No.481.South by : Road.

The schedule property consists of 6.80 squares of RCC roofed residential building constructed with cement and brick walls, doors and windows made out of hone wood , Mosaic flooring and with all other civic amenities. Additional building together interiors' is constructed there on the above site.

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 28.02.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Recovery Branch
No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trust Well Hospital, J C Road, Bengaluru - 560 002. Phone: 080- 25943678, 25943663, Email:sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

A/c No.HTL 39760262054

WHEREAS, The Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, J C Road, Bengaluru under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **10.11.2023** and its paper publication in "The New Indian Express" and "Kannadaprabha" in Bangalore edition, "The New Indian Express" "Dinamani" in Tirunelveli edition and "The New Indian Express" and "Mangalam" In Thiruvananthapuram edition dated **16.12.2023** calling upon the Borrower **Sri Sunilraj Christopher** S/o Sri Christopher Stansilas to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.6,15,08,560/-** (Rupees Six Crore Fifteen Lakh Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Only) as on 03.11.2023 with future interest at contractual rate from 04.11.2023 together with incidental expenses, costs, charges etcwithin 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Mortgager having failed to repay the amount as mentioned in the Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Mortgager and the public in general that the undersigned, being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on **27.02.2024.**

The Borrower/Mortgager in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.6,37,49,654/-** (Rupees Six Crore Thirty Seven Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Four Only) as on 25.02.2024 and further interest at contractual rate from 26.02.2024 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc thereon.

The Borrower/Mortgager's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that property bearing Municipal No.123 situated at Infantry Road, Municipal Ward No.78 of Vasanthanagar, Bengaluru and in all approximately measuring 10397 sq. ft. out of 12059 sq. ft. and bounded by: East: Road, West: Private Property, North: Infantry Road and South: Private Property

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: 450 sq. ft. of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule A property.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: Residential Flat bearing No.302, comprising of 3 BHK, in Third Floor of **"PRISTINE VARA"** built in Schedule A Property and having Super Built up area 2500 sq. ft. and Carpet area measuring 1694 sq. ft. and right to use common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common usage and one covered car parking space in basement standing in the name of Mr. Sunilraj Christopher S/o Mr. Christopher and bounded on: East by : Private Property, West by : Private Property, North by : Flat No.301 of "PRISTINE VARA' and South by : Private Property.

Sd/- Authorised Officer& Chief Manager
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 27.02.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that one of our client **MR. CINNAKONDA LAKSHMANAN SUBRAMANIAN** is intending to purchase the property from **MR. TRIBHUWAN NATH CHOUBEY, S/o Mr. Rameshwar Choubey & MRS. ARCHANA CHOUBEY, W/o. Mr. Tribhuwan Nath Choubey.** Any person/s objecting for said Purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the house bearing **No.148,** of 'L' Type in Sector X, BBMP PID No: 74-11-L-148, BBMP Dhakle No: 1671683, Situated at : **KODIHALLI Village in Jeevan Bima Nagar, HAL III Stage, Bengaluru** admeasuring East to West : 6:00 Meters and North to South : 19.65 Meters, In all totally Measuring 117 Sq Meters, built up area of the house measuring 107 Sq Meters in the Ground Floor and bounded on the :-

East by : H.No.L-147, Sector X; West by : H.No.L-149, Sector X; North by : Road; South by : H.No.L-157, Sector X;

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 7204863700

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR
(E-Mail:- serwbpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel/Fax:- 0680-2404287)
At:- Ambapua, Po:- Engineering School Near Income Tax office, Berhampur-760011

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Bid Identification No. Online Tender/99-2023-24/BPR

O-2691

Identification No	Name of work	No. of Works	Approx. Estimated Cost (In lakh)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
Online Tender / 99-2023-24/BPR	Completion of Incomplete Road & Bridges for the year 2023-24	01 No	Rs . 826.36 Lakhs	"A" Class & "Special" Class as applicable	11 (Eleven) Calendar Month as provided

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No	Availability of tender online for bidding	
		From	To
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Berhampur	Online Tender /99-2023-24/BPR	06.03.2024 at 10.00 A.M.	20.03.2024 upto 5.30 P.M.

(i) EMD / Bid Security, Cost of Bid document is to be transferred through Online as per the procedure mentioned in the DTCN.

(ii) Non-submission of the information/documents through online by the bidder as per the items mentioned in the eligible criteria of the DTCN will also liable for rejection of his tender.

Further details & Corrigendum if any can be seen from the website: - www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Cirde, Berhampur **OIPR- 25071/11/0116/2324**

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Sl.No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total
1	CE/NCTPS	244	1

For details of Works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: **www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/1310/Tender/2024

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DRC NO: 8308

Syndicate Bank, Saunder's Road, Frazer Town Branch, Bengaluru-560 005. **...Certificate Holder**

-- Versus --

Sri. B.A.Chandramouli & Another **...Certified Debtors**

DEMAND NOTICE

To
1. Sri. B.A.Chandramouli, S/o. Sri. B.G.Annaiah, No.81, Hanumanthanagar, Sri. Kumaraswamy Temple Road, Bengaluru-560 019.
2. Sri. M.D.Sreeranganath, S/o. Sri. M.R.Devaraj, No.13/4, 1st Main Road, 4th Cross, Sapthagiri Layout, Somanna Gardens, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560 093.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No. 566/2011** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **12/03/2015** an amount of **Rs.13,02,127/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Two Thousand One Hundred Twenty Seven Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **25th day of April 2019.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1-BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DRC NO: 1258/2019

Syndicate Bank, Jalahalli Branch, Kalathur Building, Gangamma Circle, Jalahalli, Bengaluru - 560 013. **... Certificate Holder**

-- Versus --

M/s. Soujanya Industries **...Certificate Debtor(s)**

DEMAND NOTICE

To
M/s. Soujanya Industries, No.39, 2nd and 3rd Cross, 11th Main, Milk Muniyappa Road, Kammagondanahalli, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru - 560 015.
Also at : Mr. Mallikarjuna, S/o. Mali Reddy Chennaiah, No.52/5, Milk Muniyappa Road, 11th Main, K.G.Halli, Bengaluru - 560 015.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No.546/2017** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **20/12/2019** an amount of **Rs. 13,75,064.63/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Sixty Four and Paise Sixty Three Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **02nd day of Jan 2020.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

PUBLIC NOTICE

Loss of original registered Sale Deed

Registered Sale deed dated:14-06-2012, vide Document.No.SHV-1-00677/2012-13, in Book-I, CD.No.SHVD152, registered in sub-registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore, The above registered Original sale deed registered and purchased in the name of my client Harish Yechreddy S/o Y Basavaraj, Residing at No.C-403, Adarsha Residency Apartment, 47th 'A' Cross, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560082, is the absolute owner of the scheduled property to the above registered sale deed.

While, he submitting original documents to Axis Bank for loan purpose with respect to above particular property on 24-02-2024 to 29-02-2024, he came to know that he was lost the above said original registered document and in spite of thorough search same could not be traced, A complaint to that effect is also lodged with Jurisdictional police on 29-02-2024 lost article report vide.No.0954972/2024, therefore informing the general public that, the finder may kindly hand over to the undersigned. Any misuse of the document above mentioned will attract criminal prosecution.

KUMARASWAMY .C.V, Advocate
Bangalore. Date:29-02-2024

KALABURAGI MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Ph.: 08472 / 278675, Fax : : 08472 / 260776, E-mail : itstaff_ulb_gulbarga@yahoo.com

No: KMP/EE/TS-01/15TH FC-SFC-Corp/02/2023-24 Date: 29.02.2024

KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi invites 11 tenders as per KPPP Portal 2.0 act, 1999 and Rules, 2000 through KPPP Portal in KW- 1, 2 & 3 Tender bid documents under 2023-24 15th Finance Commission scheme. The bid documents can be downloaded from KPPP Portal website and any information related to these tenders will be updated on **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**, 2) Estimate Sanction cost: lowest amount **Rs. 3.00 lakhs** & Highest amount **Rs. 100.00 lakhs.** 3) EMD Value: Lowest Rs. 7,500.00 & Highest Rs. 1,00,000.00, 4) Pre Bid Meeting date: **07.03.2024 upto 11-00 am.** 4) Last date of Bid Submission: **07.03.2024 upto 4-30 pm.** 5) Technical Bid Opening date: **11.03.2024 upto 4-35 pm.** 6) Financial Bid Opening date: **12.03.2024 after 11:30 am.** 7) Office Address : Executive Engineer, Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi. 8) For more details visit Office Website **http://www.kalaburagicity.mrc.gov.in/**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/925/KSMC&A/2023-24

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank **Branch Office-** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Manoj Creations, Ramesh Kumar Bhansali & Manoj Kuamr Bhansali/ Flat No 155, New No 155/10, 3rd Floor, Chajjer Complex Nagrathpet, Kumbarpet Main Road Bangalore-560002/ 035905005739 & 742905000215	Extension of Charge By Way of Equitable Mortgage to Be Created on Self Occupied And Partly Vacant Property Owned By Mr. Ramesh Kumar Bhansali At #155, 3rd Floor, Chajjer Complex, Kumbarpet, Nagarthpet, Bangalore- 560002. Together With All Buildings and Structures Thereon and All Plant and Machinery Attached to The Earth or Permanently Fastened to Anything Attached to The Earth, Both Present and Future./ Date of Symbolic Possession 26th February 2024.	September 12, 2023 40,71,842.00/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: March 01, 2024
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE

Tender No : 380/2023-24/KWA/PHC/TVLA(RT-1)

JJM-: WSS to Mylapra, Malayalappuzha and Vadasserikkara Pts -Design and Construction of 6m dia intake well cum Pumphouse and Raw Water Pumping Main at Maniyar. EMD: Rs. 200000; Tender fee: Rs. 13010; Last Date for submitting Tender: 11-03-2024, 02:00:pm. Phone : 0469-2600162
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Pathanamthitta

KWA-JB-GL-6-2499-2023-24

Government of Odisha
Higher Education Department

Inviting Applications for Government of Odisha Sponsored UPSC Civil Services Residential Coaching Scheme for the Session 2024-25

N-156: Government in the Higher Education Department is providing free UPSC Civil Services residential Coaching to 200 aspirants who are domiciles of Odisha.

1. It will be a residential coaching i.e. food and accommodation will be provided by Government to the selected candidates.
2. There will be a pre-qualifying entrance examination for shortlisting 200 candidates and the date of examination is 5th May, 2024.
3. Coaching will be provided for 11 months for Prelims and Mains examination (General Studies and Optional paper) as per the syllabus of UPSC.
4. The detailed guideline in this regard is available in Higher Education Department website – www.dhe.odisha.gov.in

Interested candidates, having the eligibility as mentioned in the guideline, may apply in SAMS portal of Higher Education Department to appear in the entrance examination.

Application Fee: Rs.100/- is to be deposited through online mode at the time of submission of application.

Description	Timeline
Availability of Common Application Form (CAF) & Advertisement in the SAMS website	01.03.2024 (04.00 P.M)
Last date & Time of applying online (in CAF)	02.04.2024 (11.45 P.M.)
Availability of Admit card in SAMS & SSB websites	29.04.2024 onwards
Date of Examination	05.05.2024

For more details please contact:
Helpdesk@0674-2954600, e-mail:civilservicesscheme2024@gmail.com

OIPR- 11001/11/0095/2324

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER,

BERHAMPUR DIVISION AT-COURTPETA, BRAHMAPUR-760004
Phone/Fax- 0680-2281354, Mob- +91 7653908594,
MM-486 **Email- dfo.berhampur@odisha.gov.in**

Short Tender Call Notice No. 63 /2024/IF Dated 27th February 2024.

TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ECO-RESORT AT GHODAHADA IN DIGAPAHNDI RANGE OF BERHAMPUR FOREST DIVISION

The Divisional Forest Officer, Brahmapur Forest Division on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in OFF-LINE mode from eligible contractors with valid licenses for execution of Building & other work as detailed in DTCN

1.	Nature of Works	:-	Construction of Eco- Resort at Ghodahada of Digapahandi Range of Brahmapur Forest Division
2.	No. of Work	:-	One Eco-Resort at Ghodahada, Digapahandi Range in Brahampur Division.
3.	Tender Form Cost	:-	Rs.10,000/- only
4.	Estimate Cost	:-	Rs. 439.575 /- Lakh (Four Crore Thirty Nine Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred) Only (Including GST) .
5.	Class of Contractor	:-	"A" & "B" Class Contractor
6.	Availability of bid document in the Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Brahampur Division.	:-	From Dt. 28.02.2024 10.00 A.M. to Dt. 06.03.2024. 5.00 PM.
7.	Last date and time of submission of bids in tender box of office	:-	06.03.2024. at 5.00 PM
8.	Date of opening of Bid	:-	Dt. 07.03.2024 at 11.00 AM
9.	The bidders have to participate in OFF-LINE bidding only.		

Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer
Brahmapur Division

OIPR- 08038/11/0031/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CENTRAL RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR
No. 1172 /Date.26.02.2024

O-2695

"e" Procurement Notice for Composite Building Works

1.	Name of the Work	:	**Building work**
2.	Total No. of works	:	02 Nos. of Building Works for the year 2023-24
3.	Estimated Cost of the work	:	**Varies from Rs.220.00 lakhs to Rs.260.00 lakh**
4.	**Class of Contractor** **(a) Estimated cost** more than Rs. 20.00 lakhs up to Rs. 3.00 Crores.	:	**B Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities**
	b) Estimated cost more than Rs.1.00 Crore) up to Rs. 20.00 Crores.		**A Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevait class of other licensing authorities**
5.	Period of completion	:	**As mentioned in Column-7 of Annexure**
6.	Offered rates by bidder	:	The offered rate by the contractor shall be excluding GST.
7.	Other details	:	

Procurement Officer	Bid identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To	Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6
Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar	Tender- On-line- C.C. 09 of 2024	04.03.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	19.03.2024 up to 5.00 P.M.	20.03.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated later on

Further details can be seen from the web site **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Engineer,
Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar

OIPR-25194/11/0011/2324

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
U R RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP

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HAL Airport Road, Vimanapura Post, Bangalore - 560 017
(Phone : 080 25084168, 4175, 4169) (Fax:080 25084155)

BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

1. On behalf of President of India, item rate tender is invited for the following work.

Description	Details
Name of work	Replacement & Re-Insulation of Chilled Water Pipelines in Main Campus and ISITE Campus, URSC, Bangalore
E-Tender Notice	URSC/C and MG/ACMD/1039/ETN-58A/2023-24 Dt.28.02.2024.
Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 66.16 Lakhs
Tender Document Details	**E-Tender**
Period of completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	270 days / 09 months
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From 10:30 Hrs. on 01.03.2024 to 16:30Hrs. on 22.03.2024
Bid clarification	From 11:00 Hrs. on 01.03.2024 to 17:00 Hrs. on 25.03.2024
Last date and time of reply to Bid clarification.	Upto 17:00hrs on 27.03.2024
Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	Upto 14:30 Hrs. on 03.04.2024
Due date and time of opening of tenders.	After 15:00 Hrs. on 03.04.2024
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**₹ 1,32,320/- (Validity for 180 days)**

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/- Group Director, (Construction & Maintenance Group)

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-2/F-114/23-24/Cys-103 Date: 28.02.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP Mode Only)

E-Tenders are invited in the prescribed form from Super Grade Licensed Electrical Contractor for the following work on **Partial Turn Key Basis. Bid Enquiry No.** SEE/ KPTCL/ EE(O)/DVG/AEE-2/23-24/Goods/13/Call-2/Dated: 21.02.2024 for Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of C-Type Wedge Clamps and equipment terminal clamps suitable for various sizes of conductors required for replacement of age old bolted type connectors at 220KV RS & SS Division Benkikere & Hiriyur coming under Transmission (W&M) Circle, Davanagere.

Tenders will be accepted through KPPP Mode only. For further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** & click on to hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** to participate in KPP portal **on or after 01.03.2024.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Tr. (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium,
Hadadi Road, Davanagere. Ph: 08192-250774.

MANDYA DIST. CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' SOCIETIES UNION LTD.

E-mail: manmulpandi18@gmail.com Tele: 08232 – 274571

IFT NO: MMU/P&I/C.I.Tender/AH46/2023-24 DATE: 27.02.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-procurement portal only)

Mandya Milk Union Ltd. invites e-Tender from Govt. of India under taking Registered IRDAI certified general Insurance companies for Providing Cattle Insurance for the period of one year **EMD Rs. 10000/-**.Tenderer can downloaded documents from: **01.03.2024,** Pre bid meeting: **15.03.2024 at 11.30 hrs,** Last date of submission of tender: **30.03.2024 at 17.00 hrs,** Date of opening of Technical tender: **01.04.2024 after 11.00 hrs** & Commercial Bid opening: will be intimated. Interested Tenderer's may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in / website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also contact helpline No: 080-25501227/25501216, e mail:hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.**

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.
Malleshwaram Branch : No.16/12 , Nagarathna Nilaya, First Floor, Opp Dr.Rajkumar Samadhi, 1st A Cross,2nd Main, Nandini Layout. 2nd Block, Outer Ring Road, Bangalore-560096.

CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the Notice published in this paper on **29.02.2024,** in **Auction Notice** the Loan Code is **18900002133** in favour of **Late. Santosh Kumar (Reprented Through the Legal Heir)** (Borrower), **Pinky Lepcha** (Co Borrower), **Malleshwaram Branch. Kindly ignore the yesterday publication.**

Place: Malleshwaram **Authorised Officer**
Date : 01.02.2024 **Aadhar Housing Finance Limited**

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E- TENDER NOTICE

O/o the Chief Engineer, TransGrid, Shoranur, Palakkad - BID No. CE/TransGrid/07/2023-24 dated 28.02.2024, PAC: Rs.188,09,80,878/-, Last Date- 26.04.2024 05.00pm
O/o the Chief Engineer (P & SCM), Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram - E-Tender ID: 2024_KSEB_663179_1, PAC: Rs.46,01,12,600/-, Last Date- 11.03.2024 03.00pm; E-Tender ID: 2024_KSEB_663893_1, PAC: Rs.8,28,38,916/-, Last Date- 12.03.2024 03.00pm; E-Tender ID: 2024_KSEB_663304_1, PAC: Rs.12,20,94,000/-, Last Date- 18.03.2024 04.30pm

Re-Tender Notice

O/o the Chief Engineer (C I & CC), Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram - E-Tender ID: 2023_KSEB_638254_2, PAC: Rs.10,00,00,000/-, Last Date- 16.03.2024 03.00pm

Tender Extension Notice

O/o the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Haripad, Alappuzha- E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB _642903_2, PAC: 9,79,22,714/-, Last Date- 15.03.2024 04.00pm; E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB _644241_1, PAC: 9,49,25,300/-, Last Date- 16.03.2024 04.00pm

Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and www.kseb.in Ref : PR/MC1/E475/E-tender/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Vinay G/ Usha C H/ No. 31 1st Floor 1st Main Road 4th Cross Road Woc Road Manjunath Karnataka Bangalore- 560010/ LBBNG00004646877	Schedule "A" Property (description Of The Property On Which Apartment Is Being Constructed) Item No.1: All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing Sy. No.135, Situated At Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring 12 Guntas, Out Of Total Extent Measuring 2 Acres 20 Guntas; And Bounded On: East By : Remaining Portion Of Land In Sy. No.45 West By : Road North By : Remaining Portion Of Land In Sy. No.135 South By : Remaining Portion Of Land In Sy. No.135 Item No.2: All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing Sy. No.135, Situated At Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring 17 Guntas, Out Of Total Extent Measuring 2 Acres 20 Guntas; And Bounded On: East By : Land In Sy. No.44 & 45 In Chikkathogur Village West By : Road North By : Road South By : Remaining Portion Of Land In Sy No.135 Owned By First Party Item No.3: All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing Sy. No.135, Situated At Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring 05 Guntas, Out Of Total Extent Measuring 2 Acres 20 Guntas; And Bounded On: East By : Road West By : Road North By : Portion Of Sy. No.135 Belonging To Siddagangamma South By : Property Of Narayanappa Schedule "b" Property (description Of Undivided Share Of Land Agreed To Be Conveyed) 679 Sq. Ft. Of Undivided Share, Rights, Title And Interest In The Schedule "a" Property, Which Is The Corresponding Undivided Share Of Land And Common Areas, In Respect Of Schedule "c" Apartment Unit. Schedule "c" Property (description Of The Apartment Unit Agreed To Be Conveyed) All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Comprising One Apartment Unit, Ie, Flat No.g-04, Situated In Ground Floor, Measuring A Super Built-up Area Of 1580 Sq. Ft. (which Is Also Inclusive Of Balconies And A Proportionate Share In The Common Areas), With Two Covered Parking Space In The Basement Floor, In The Residential Apartment Building Known As " Astoria Park" Constructed On The Schedule-a Property (as Per Plan Attached Hereto);	16/01/2024 Rs. 71,01,182.00/-	03/10/ 2023
2.	Pramod Angara Jathan/ Shreeja V Kotian/ No. 6-69 J Manjushree House Indbail Udyavara Udupi Karnataka Udupi- 574118/ LBMNG00006570351 & TBMNG00006568131	Shivalli Village, Udupi Taluk , Sagri Ward Of Udupi City Municipality , Survey No : 316/1 (as Per Computer Rtc Sy.no.316/ 1-p1) , Extent/areas Of Land 0.15 Acres Converted - 600 Square Meters Boundary North : Portion Of The Same S.d. Set Apart For Road East : Portion Of The Same S.d Bearing Plot No.227 West : Portion Of The Same S.d. South : Portion Of The Same S.d. Description Of The Apartment Residential Apartment Bearing No. 104 Bearing Udupi City Municipal Or No.4-18b (4) Measuring Carpet Area 93.62 Square Meters, 110.13 Square Meters Super Built Up Area I.e., 1185 Square Feet On The Lower Ground Floor (level 1) And A Covered Car Parking Space Bearing Slot No.04, Measuring 13.01 Square Meters I.e., 140 Sq. Ft. In The Basement Floor Of A Residential Complex/apartment Building Named "nakshatra Apartments" Along With 6.09% Undivided Right, Title And N Interest Over The Property Described In Schedule "a" Above	31/01/2024 Rs. 28,69,152.00/-	03/10/ 2023
3.	Priyanka S R/ No. 241 2nd Main 6th Cross Bsk 3rd Stage Hrishikesh Nagar Hoskerhalli Bangalore Bangalore- 560085 / LBBNG00005976558 & LBBNG00006173638	(as Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing No.4, Khatha No.8/2a, 8/2b & 82c, Measuring East To West 22 Ft And North To South 30.5 Ft In All Measuring 671 Sq Ft., Situated At Channasandra Village, Uttharahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk North:property Belongso Mrs.lakshmamma South: Property Belongs To K.kumbanna East:others Property West: Road	11/01/2024 Rs. 27,94,909.00/-	05/11/ 2023
4.	Sajadh Singh/ Nabeesa/ Hennur Garden 4th Cross Hbr Layout Kalyan Nagar Bangalore- 560043/ LBBNG00006249537	All The Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Residential Property Bearing Bda Site No. 1029, Khata No.505/505/1029, Situated At 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Hbr Layout, Bangalore. Presently Falls Under New Bbmp Limits Ward No.24, Hbr Layout, Bangalore, Measuring East To West 30 Feet And North To South 20 Feet, In All Measuring 600 Sq. Ft. With Bounded On The: - On The East : Site No.1017 On The West : Road On The North : Site No.1030 On The South : Site No.1028 Along With Residential House Consisting Of Ground Floor Having 4 Squares Of Built Up Area And First Floor Having 4 Squares Of Built Up Area, With Rcc Roofed House, Vitrified Tiles, Doors And Windows Of Honne Wood Along With Electricity, Water, Sanitary And All Amenities	15/01/2024 Rs. 69,64,720.00/-	02/11/ 2023
5.	Shivanand Dhamannavar/ House No 902 Bhim Nagar Water Tank Basavanalagadde Hirekudi Chikodi Chikodi- 591247/ LBBNG00005905420 & LBHBL00005927244 & LBBNG00006095166 & LBBNG00005906877	Schedule 'A' (Description Of Entire Property) All That Western Side Of Property Bearing Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No.5, Situated At Geddalahalli Village, Horamavu Ward, Bangalore East Taluk, Earlier Being Portion Of Converted Land Bearing Survey No.34/1, Measuring One Acre Ten Guntas, Earlier Portion Of Land Bearing Survey No.34, (converted Vide Official Memorandum Bearing No.aln.sr.e.262/2002-03, Dated 07.02.2003, Issued By The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), In All Measuring 53,985 Square Feet, Situated At Geddalahalli Village, K.r.puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, And Bounded As Follows:- On The East : Road And Property Belongs To Mrs. Saramma Cherian Paul On The West : Road And Thereafter Survey No. 32 On The North : Private Property On The South : Private Property Schedule-b (description Of Undivided Share Agreed To Be Conveyed) 0.737% (397.9 Sq. Feet) Of Undivided Share, Right, Title And Interest In The Schedule 'a' Property. Schedule "c Property A Two (2) Bedroom Apartment No.102 In The First Floor, Tower-2, In The Apartment Complex Known As "chowriappa Constellation" To Be Constructed On The Schedule 'a' Property With A Super Built-up Area Of 1414 Square Feet (together With All Common Areas Attributable Thereto With Limited Access To The Terrace Area, That Is Lift Room And Water Tank For Repairs) And With One (1) Covered Car Parking Space In The Basement.	04/01/2024 Rs. 83,09,069.00/-	03/11/ 2023
6.	D Shreyas Narasimha / M V Padma / Gf 9 Sumukha Paradise 1st Main 5th Cross Beml Rajarajeshwarinagar Halagevaderahalli Village Kengeri Hobli Bangalore South Bangalore- 560058/ LBBNG00005109605 & LBBNG00005344239	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Flat Bearing No. Gf-9, Constructed In The Ground Floor Of The Residential Condominium Called As "sumukha Enclave". Situated At Halagevaderahalli Village. Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Bangalore, Which Locality Is Presently Addressed As 1 Main, 5th Cross. Beml 5th Stage. Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore-560 098. Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore. Which Is Coming Under The Limits Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike. Measuring 1110 Sq.ft Of Super Built Up Area With 255 Sq.ft Of Undivided Right. Title. Interest, Share In The Land Comprehending The Aforesaid Flat Along With One Covered Car Parking Slot In The Basement. Further Together With Right To Common Amenities, Common Facilities And Common Areas.	20/01/2024 Rs. 15,37,589.00/-	03/11/ 2024
7.	Narayanam Subramanyam/ Narayanam Gayithri/ Flat No.402 4th Floor, Sam Shelterbips Road Uttarahalli Kempegowda Nagar Near Bip School Karnataka Bangalore- 560061/ LBBNG00005929451	Residential Site Bearing No. 92 Situated At Block 'e', 'srinagara Layout' Mandakalli/gorur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Formed And Developed By The Vendor Bounded As Follows: East :by Site No. 93 West :by Site No. 91. North :by Road South :by Private Property Measuring East To West: 9.00 Mtrs. And North To South : 12.50 Mtrs. In All 112.50 Sq.mtrs. And About 70 Square Meters Depth Of Granite Ground On The Said Site, R.c.c House And The Entire Property Including The Staircase Measuring 7.50 Square Meters Including The Total House Measuring 77.50 Square Meters.	16/01/2024 Rs. 41,30,920.00/-	03/11/ 2023
8.	Vikram S/ Bharath Kumar/ No. 001 Prince Road Vv Mohalla Mysore Mysore- 570002/ LBMYS00005471891 & LBMYS00005541055 & LBMYS00005471895 & LBMYS00005471899	Schedule 'a' Property Property:1 All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Converted Land Bearing Sy. No-217/1, Measuring 30 Guntas And Sy. No. 217/3, Measuring 30 Guntas, In All Measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas, (converted As Per Official Memorandum No-aln (1) Cr: 309 & 310/2012-13 Dated 08.07.2013 Issued By The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, Mysore) Situated At Hinkal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Mysore District, And Bounded On The That: East By : Land In Sy. No. 217/2; West By : Sewage Open Channel; North By : The Roost Mote & Land In Sy. No. 218; South By : Bridge Linking Sy. No. 217/1 & 217/3 With 80 Feet Muda Road Across The Canal & Muda Drain & Partly By Site No. 4 Owned By Ajit David Panakal: Schedule 'b' Property (property Conveyed Under This Deed) Undivided Share Of 450 Square Feet, In An Undivided State, In The Land Described In Schedule 'a' Property Above, Together With Corresponding Right, Title, Interest And Ownership. Schedule 'c Property (apartment Conveyed Under This Deed) Residential Apartment Bearing No.411 On The Fourth Floor Having Super Built Up Area Of 1360 Sq.ft Of The Building Known As "sowparnika Blue Bells "constructed Over The Schedule 'a' Property, Inclusive Of Proportionate Share Of Common Areas, Along With One Car Parking Space In The Basement With Right To Use Passages, Lobbys, Lifts, Stair Case And Other Areas Of Common Use. All The Floors And Ceilings Between Apartments As Also Walls Between Adjoining Apartments Shall Be Owned Jointly And Equally By The Adjoining Apartment Owners And Bounded On That: East By : Open Space; West By : Open Space North By : Open Space: South By : Flat No-410; Property:2 All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Door No.160, Situated At 6th Cross, 2nd Main, 1st Stage, Vijayanagar Extension, Devaraja Mohalla, Mysore, And Measuring East To West: 12.00 Meters, North To South: 18.00 Meters Totally Measuring 216.00 Sq.mtrs Of Site With 1360 Square Feet Of Rcc Mosaic Floor Building Having Water, Electricity And Sanitary Connections Thereon. Bounded On: East By :property No.159 West By :property No.161 North By :property No. 164 South By :road	09/01/2024 Rs. 1,74,70, 026.00/-	04/11/ 2023
9.	Yusuff Ali/ Firdose Banu/ No.146 Malavalli Taluk Kirgavalu Hobli Kalkuni Mandya Kirugavalu- 571424/ LBMYS00006039759 & LBMYS00006068017	(as Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering The Property Bearing No.182/1, New No. 17, Sy No-182/1 Situated At Belavatha Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk Measuring East-west: 20.00 Feet And North- South 30.00 Feet, Total Measurement 600 Square Feet Of Site And In This 600 Square Feet Of Rcc Mosaic Flooring House Bounded On The North:road South: Private Property East:house No.16 West: House No.18	11/01/2024 Rs. 31,52,112.00/-	05/11/ 2023
10.	Bharath M C/ No.79, E- Block Modern Nursery Dhaurera Mafi Gurudwara Road Near Barriel Police Chowki Uttar Pradesh Bareilly- 243002 / TBBNG00006695635 & TBBNG00006695636	Schedule "a" Of Property All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing Site Nos. 1, 2,3, 4, 5, 6 And 7, Bbmp Katha Nos. 2/6/1, 2/6/2, 2/6/3, 2/6/4, 2/6/5, 2/6/6 And 2/6/7, Present Clubbed Katha No.323/2/6/1,2,3,4,5,6,7 Situated At Choodenapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore And Now Comes Under The Jurisdiction Of Bbmp Totally Measuring About 18391½ Sq.feet, And Bounded On The East By : Property Belongs To Pillappa; West By : Road; North By : Property Belongs To Jayamma; South By : Road; Schedule "b" 330.264 Sq.ft., Undivided Right, Title And Interest In The Immovable Property Mentioned In Schedule "a" Above. Schedule "c" Flat Bearing No.207, Block-b In The Second Floor, Measuring About 1188 Sq.ft., Super Built Up Area, Containing Three Bed Rooms, Together With Rcc Roofing, Vitrified Flooring Together With One Covered Car Parking Space, Including Proportionate Share In Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Staircase, Etc., In The Multistoried Residential Building Known As "nandini Springfield" Constructed Over Schedule "a" Property.	24/01/2024 Rs 46,97,444.00/-	08/11/ 2023
11.	Surajman Vishvakarma/ Vandana Singh/ No. 156 2 Swadhama Flat No. 309 Ullal Main Road 5th Block Sir M Vishweshwaraiah Layout Bangalore South Bangalore- 560056/ LBBNG00005495452 & LBBNG00005495454	Schedule "a" Of Property All That Vacant Plot Presently Bearing Bbmp Katha No 339/267/256/268/257/1, Measuring 16720 Square Feet, Earlier Portion Of Converted Land Being Portion Of Land Bearing Survey No.156/1, (converted Vide Official Memorandum Bearing No. Bdis/aln/sr/(n)24/2003- 04, Dated 01.09.2003, Issued By The Special Deputy Commissioner (r), Bangalore District, Bangalore), Situated At Ullalu Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now Within The Jurisdiction Of The Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike And Bounded As Per The Official Memorandum Follows:- On The East : Road; West : Road; North : H. B. Shivakumar And Private Property; South : Road And Bda Property; Schedule-"b" (description Of The Apartment) Apartment No.309 In The Third Floor, In The Building Known As "ss Swadhama" To Be Constructed On The Schedule 'a' Property With A Super Built-up Area Of 1160 Square Feet (together With All Common Areas Attributable Thereto With Limited Access To The Terrace Area, That Is Lift Room And Water Tank For Repairs) An Undivided 326 Sq.ft. Share In The Land Comprised In The Schedule 'a' Property, And With One Car Parking Space Bearing No.309 In The Basement.	24/01/2024 Rs. 49,62,935.00/-	13/11/ 2023
12.	Nethravathi S K/ Bharath Kumar L/ No. 63 T B Road 4th Cross M V Extension Hoskote Tower Behind Civil Court Bangalore- 562114/ LBBNG00003001972	Schedule "a" Of Property All That Piece And Parcel Of Residentially Converted Sy. No. 212/8 & 212/5, Muncipal Khata No. 12601/212/8/212/5, (converted Vide Official Memorandum Aln(hk).cr.34/2010-11, Dated 18.08.2010 And Aln(hk).sr.52/2013-14, Dated. 29.10.2013, Issued By The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District), And Comprised In A Amalgamated Land Approved By The Hosakote Planning Authority Vide No. Hpa/lao/01/2013-14, Dated. 15.02.2014 And Totally Measures 8346.64 Sq.mtrs Or 89843.23 Sqfts, With All Rights, Appurtenances Whatsoever Hereunder Or Underneath Or Above The Surface And Bounded On The East By : Land Bearing Sy. No. 207; West By : Land Bearing Sy. No. 213 And 9.14 Mtrs Road; North By : Land Bearing Sy. No. 212/3; South By : Land Bearing Sy. No. 210, 211, And Remaining Part Of Same Sy. No. 212/5; Schedule "b" 46.34 Sq.mtrs Or 498.87 Sq.ft Undivided Right, Title And Interest In The Immovable Property Mentioned In Schedule "a" Above. Schedule "c" Flat Bearing No. 105, In The First Floor, In Block "a" Measuring About 111.94 Sqmtrs Or 1205 Sq.feets Super Built Up Area, Containing Two Bed Rooms, Together With Rcc Roofing, Vitrified Flooring Together With One Covered Car Parking Space, Including Proportionate Share In Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Staircase, Etc., In The Multistoried Residential Building Complex Known As "vr Shobha Meadows" Constructed Over Schedule "a" Property And The Above Said Flat Bounded On, East By : Flat No. 104 West By : Flat No. 106 North By : Wide Corridor South By : Open To Sky	11/01/2024 Rs 23,67,141.00/-	20/11/ 2023
13.	Soyab Malariya/ Nasima Akbar Malariya/ Malariya Mahejabin/ No. 43/47 Shariff Manzil 3rd Cross Hmt Layout Mathikere Karnataka Bangalore- 560054/ LBBNG00005884699 & LBBNG00005951755	Schedule "a" Of Property (details Of Entire Property) Item No. I All The Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Municipal Corporation No. 10 (pid No. 3-4-10, Situated At 1st 'c' Main Road, Gokul 1 Stage, 3rd Phase, Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 3 Presently Ward No. 37, Measuring East To West: 61-0+64-0 / 2 Feet And North To South: 79-0 Feet In Total Measuring 4937.50 Square Feet And Bounded On The :- East By : Other's Property West By : Road North By : Other's Property South By : Other's Property Schedule-'b' Property (details Of Undivided Interest Conveyed) All Piece And Parcel Of The Property Being The Undivided Share (which Works Out To 342 Square Feet Of Right, Title And Interest In All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Property Shown In Schedule 'a' Above Proportionate Share In The Common Areas, Such As Staircase, Passage, Ducts, Power Ducts, Power Room, Watchman House, Association Room, General Toilet Etc. Schedule - 'c' Property (details Of Apartment Unit To Be Constructed) All That Piece And Parcel Of The Apartment Bearing No. Ff-401 On The Fourth Floor Bbmp Khatha No. 10/16, West Facing In The Apartment 'golden Nest Apartment' Containing Two Bedrooms Measuring 1248 Square Feet Super Built Up Area With One Roof Covered Car Parking Space In The Stilt Floor.	23/01/2024 Rs. 25,59,118.00/-	27/11/ 2023
14.	R Rajesh/ No. 41/C 4th Main Woc Rd 1st Phse Nr Datta Mandi 2 D Stage Manjunatha Nagar Rajajinagar Karnataka Bangalore- 560010/ LBBNG00005978989 & LBBNG00006250857	All That Part And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Old Site No.22, Bda Old No.40, New Muncipal No.41/c, (in Old Sy No.20/1, New No.20/13), 1st Stage, 3rd Phase, West Of Chord Road, Shivanahalli/rajajinagar, Pid No.15-43-41/c, Bangalore, Measuring East To West: (22+20)/2 Ft., And North To South : 24 Ft. And Bounded On: East By : Site No.21, Bda No.39, West By : Road, North By : Road, South By : Site No.23, Bda No.41	23/01/2024 Rs. 35,01,723.00/-	27/11/ 2023
15.	M A Nagaprasad/ 165 F 10th Cross 2nd Stage M Block Kuvempunagara Mysore Karnataka- 570029/ LBMYS00005993728 & LBBNG00006012512	Schedule of Property Item No.1. All That Piece And Parcel Of Residential Converted Land Measuring 03 Acres 01.04 Guntas In Sy No. 44/1,(Fully Converted Vide Conversion Order No. Alnsr. 70/16-17, Dated. 06.05.2017) Situated At Dommalur Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, And Bounded On The, East By: Border Of Bargur Village West By: Land In Sy No.49 North By: Road South By: Land In Sy No.45 Item No.2. All That Piece And Parcel Of Residential Converted Land Measuring 04 Acres 27 Guntas In Sy No.47, (fully Converted Vide Conversion Order No. Alnsr.68/16-17, Dated. 06.05.2017) Situated At Dommalur Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, And Bounded On The; East By: Property Belongings To Sri. Chennarayappa's (sy.46) Land West By: Land In Sy No.48 North By: Land In Sy No.45 South By: Border Of Bargur Village Item No.3. All That Piece And Parcel Of Residential Converted Land 1). Measuring 04 Acres 05 Guntas In Sy No.48/1, 2 (measuring 00 Acres 31 Guntas In Sy No. 48/2, Totally Measuring 04 Acres 36 Guntas Land,) Fully Converted Vide Conversion Order No Alnsr.69/16-17, Dated. 06.05.2017) Situated At Dommalur Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, And Bounded On The;' East By: Land In Sy.47 West By: Land In Sy No.51 North By: Land In Sy No.47 South By: Land In Sy No.48/2 All That Piece And Parcel Of Residential Converted Land Measuring 05 Acres 21 Guntas In Sy No.45, (fully Converted Vide Conversion Order No Alnsr.67/16-17, Dated.06.05.2017) Situated At Dommalur Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, And Bounded On The;" East By: Land In Sy.134 West By: Land In Sy No.49 North By Land In Sy No.44/1 South By Land In Sy No.46 Schedule 'b' Property All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Residential Site Bearing No. 245, Measuring East To West 12.19 Mtrs (40 Feet) And North To South 9.14 Mtrs (30 Feet) Totally Measuring 111.48 Sq Mtrs (1200 Sq Ft), Having Village Panchayath Khathano. 207/245, Property Id No. 151900802701321001 Carved Out Of Sy No.48/1 As Per The Plan Sanctioned By The Malur Planning Authority Vide 45/2017-18, Dated 12.04.2018, In The Layout Known As "adisesh Boulevard" Situated At Dommalur Village, Lakkurhobali, Malur Taluk, Kolar District And Bounded As Follows:- East By: Road West By: Site No. 264 North By Site No. 246 South By: Site No. 244	10.01.2024 Rs. 27,00,237.00/-	07/10/ 2023
16.	Shanmagam B/ Shakunthala/ Door No. 1 2 104 12 Guru Nagara Padavu Village Maryyhill Mangalore- 575008/ LBMNG00005482603 & LBMNG00005482604	(As Described in The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Hullahalli Gramapanchayath Khatha No. 1923/835 And As Per Form No.9 & 11a Unique No.152200535042001938 Situated At Hullahalli Village, Nanjanagudu Taluk, Within The Jurisdiction Of Hullahalli Gramapanchayath Measuring East To West: 9.144 Mtrs And North To South: 10.97 Mtrs, Totally Measuring 100.34 Sq.mtrs. Containing House Measuring 100.34 Sq.mtrs. North:road South: House Of Prabhuswamy East:vacant Site Of Krishnachari West: Vacant Site Of Krishnachari	24/01/2024 Rs. 11,33,819.00/-	01/11/ 2023

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : March 01, 2024
Place : Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

GOVERNEMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
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B-1861

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INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) / (e-Procurement)

Bid Identification No. CCE, S.C (R&B)-BAM-30/2023-24 No. 579 // Dated : 19.02.2024

1) The Chief Construction Engineer, Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampu on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Building works as detailed in the table below.
2) Nature of work : Building Works
3) No. of work : 3 Nos.
4) Tender Cost : Rs.10,000/- (online)
5) Class of Contractor : "B" Class ,"A" Class and "Special" Class
6) Availability of Bid document in the website : From 01.03.2024 10.00 AM to 15.03.2024 5.30 PM
7) Date of Opening of Bid : 16.03.2024 at 11.30 A.M.
8) The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in.
9) Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.

Scl/-(D.C.Behera) Chief Engineer,
Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampur

OIPR-34103/11/0034/2324

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that our client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners **M/s Sreenivasa Enterprises,** is a partnership firm, represented by its partners **Sri. K.R. Ravishankar & Smt. Anitha Ravishankar.**

Any person (s), having any manner of right, title, interest, claim etc., over the Schedule Property may lodge his /her /their / its objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned within 15 days hereof, failing which, our client will proceed to complete the purchase transaction. Any objections/ claims received thereafter will not be entertained /binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal Number 40, PID No. 48-1-40, Old No.10/3 (Earlier No.K.40), situated at Lalbagh Road, Bangalore, measuring East to West 100 feet and 60 Feet towards South and 144 Feet and 26 ½ Feet towards North and North to South 59 Feet towards South and 144 Feet and 26 ½ Feet towards West, totally measuring 11,410 Square Feet, and is bounded as follows:

East by : Lalbagh Road;
West by : Property of Sri. Venkataramana Shetty leased to the Purchaser;
North by : Property of Sri. Muniswamappa and sons;
South by : Basetty Trust Property and portion of property belonging to B. KrishnaShetty leased to Purchaser;

H.K.GIRISH, ADVOCATE
M & G Associates
73, 27th Cross, 11th Main, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560 070.
Ph- 080-26632343/+91 88867044666

Date: 20-02-2024
Place: Bangalore

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA
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INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)

File No-No-B-IV-H (H&D)-52/2021 Lr. No. 7825 Bhubaneswar, the 19th Feb., 2024

B-1859

Invitation for Bids

Bid Identification No. C.E. (B) - 67 / 2023-24

1.	The Chief Engineer, Buildings, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for the work, **"Construction of Trauma Care Unit and New SDH Building at Rairakhol, Sambalpur"** as detailed below.		
2.	Nature of work	:	**Building work**
3.	No. of work	:	1 No.
4.	Bid Cost.	:	₹10,000/- (each)
5.	Class of Contractor	:	Super Class
6.	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	:	From dt.01.03.2024 to 17.00 Hours of dt.16.03.2024.
7.	Date of Opening of Bid	:	Dt.18.03.2024 at 11:30 AM.
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APPENDIX-IV (RULE 8 (1))

WHEREAS: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **AXIS BANK LTD,** Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act , 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued, a demand notice, dated **02.12.2023** calling upon the **(1) Mr. Shatrughan Kumar Sinha** S/o Birendra Kumar Sinha , 313 Sayre Dr , 08540 Princeton **Also At: Mr. Shatrughan Kumar Sinha** S/o Birendra Kumar Sinha, Vice President, Credit Juisse Securities, USA LLC, One Madison Avenue, New York USA **Also At : Mr. Shatrughan Kumar Sinha** S/o Birendra Kumar Sinha, 265, 18th Main, 15th Cross, Sector 4, H S R Layout, Bangalore-560034 **(Borrower/Applicant) (2) Mrs. Puneet Sinha,** D/o Radhey Shyam Ahuja, 313 Sayre Dr , 08540 Princeton Also At : Mrs. Puneet Sinha, D/o Radhey Shyam Ahuja , 265, 18th Main, 15th Cross, Sector 4, H S R Layout, Bangalore 560034 **(Co Applicant/Guarantor)** to repay the amount **Rs. 1,17,04,926/-** (Rupees One Crore Seventeen Lakhs Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Six only) mentioned in the notice towards the **loan account no's LPR000900755921** being the amount due as on **02.12.2023** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 6 & 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **28-02-2024**.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **AXIS BANK LTD Rs. 1,17,04,926/-** (Rupees One Crore Seventeen Lakhs Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Six only) being the amount due as on **02.12.2023** and interest thereon.

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Bumrah back for final Test vs Eng

Jasprit Bumrah, rested for the fourth Test, is back in the squad for the last Test at Dharamsala. Meanwhile, middle-order batter KL Rahul who was ruled out of the Ranchi Test misses last game as well. Among other updates, pacer Mohammed Shami, who recently underwent surgery on his right heel, is expected to report at the National Cricket Academy for rehabilitation process soon. **ENS**

Prasad bats for BCCI on domestic affair

Former selection panel chairman welcomes board's move; points out the differences between the different grades

GOMESH S @ New Delhi

EVEN as reactions for the BCCI's latest central contract list continue to come from various quarters, former senior men's selection committee chairman, MSK Prasad, is pleased with the board's decision to emphasise contracted players taking part in domestic cricket.

"I think BCCI has nailed it," he told this daily. "By doing that, they have given a strong statement that domestic cricket is important and no one is above the game."

On Thursday, when the BCCI announced their central contract list, the biggest talking point were the omissions of Shreyas Iyer and Ishan Kishan. Shreyas had featured throughout the ODI World Cup, scoring 530 runs in 11 games apart from featuring in four Tests.

Ishan, so far, has featured in two ODIs and three T20Is in the period (October 1st to September 30th). Had the BCCI left out their names, there was a possibility of assuming that they would come under Grade C on pro rata basis as Shreyas had already fulfilled one of clauses (qualifying for that by playing a minimum of three Tests, eight ODIs or 10 T20Is in the specified period). In the same time, Kishan has worn the India Blue in two ODIs and three T20Is. However, the BCCI made it abundantly clear by mentioning that the two players are not being considered for contracts in this cycle. Shreyas, who had complained some back pain after Visakhapatnam Test, was left out of the rest of the series after a prolonged string of low scores. While the NCA reportedly declared him fit, the Mumbai player did not take part in the last two Ranji Trophy games. Meanwhile, Kishan had not played any games for Jharkhand since taking a break for personal reasons in December. Recently, he was training in Baroda with Hardik Pandya, Mumbai Indians' captain.

Currently, both are taking part in the DY Patil T20 tournament — a corporate non-BCCI event. "We are talking about Shreyas and Ishan, till recently they were the part of the Test squad. What is wrong in BCCI asking them to go and play domestic cricket? Have you given retirement from Tests? No. You still want to play Test cricket," Prasad elaborated on the non-inclusion of the two cricketers.

"See, in England, someone not playing in the XI will be released. They used to release the players for the respective counties to go and play for them. Now, when board is asking to play domestic cricket, why should you not play? You want to be in Test squad, but you don't want to play domestic cricket? Then what is the signal you are sending to domestic cricket and cricketers?"

CONTRACTS SYSTEM ELSEWHERE (SELECTED TEAMS)

ENGLAND: Scrapped red and white ball contracts in 2021. Have now started offering multi-year deals. Allows players to commit to one, two or three-year deals.

AUSTRALIA: Importance of their place in all three formats is combined which gives them a weighted average. They are then handed one-year deals depending on their average.

PAKISTAN: Like India, they follow a graded system. But unlike the BCCI, players are given three-year deals.

SOUTH AFRICA: Board have made noises about offering single-format contracts but it hasn't been put in place yet. Yearly contracts.

NEW ZEALAND: Yearly contracts.

The BCCI central contracts are categorised as A+, A, B and C. When asked if there should be specific contracts for white-ball and red-ball formats, Prasad explained the rationale in the current system. "They are not clubbed. If they are playing only one format like T20, the player will be fit into category C," the former India wicket-keeper said. "Or if he is coming under top ten ranks in the world in that particular format, he will get promoted. If a player is playing Test cricket and, say, he plays 'n' number of Test matches, like (Cheteshwar) Pujara, he was given A category in the past. R Ashwin now is in A category. We are very clear on that, the system is already there."

While Shreyas and Kishan are not included, Pandya India's white-ball vice-captain until he got injured in the middle of the World Cup, but hasn't played any BCCI domestic or international cricket since, remains in A category. Prasad said how many matches a player plays and their performances will also be taken into consideration in order to preserve the match-winners. "Jasprit Bumrah is an all-format bowler, Mohammed Shami is an all-format bowler, obviously they will find top categories. They are all seasoned performers, you need to carefully safeguard them. Like, between 2015-2024 how Mitchell Starc was safeguarded by Cricket Australia. In many matches, he was leaking runs, but they stuck with him because whenever it mattered, he proved and performed in the finals. So you have to preserve your players like Bumrah or Shami or Virat (Kohli) or Rohit (Sharma). They are the trump cards, they need to be preserved," the 48-year-old added.

Fast-bowling contracts

Additionally, Prasad welcomed the selection committee move to recommend fast bowling contracts to Akash Deep, Vijaykumar Vyshak, Umran Malik, Yash Dayal and Vidwath Kaverappa. "The selectors would have felt that these are the guys who might play for the country. Akash has already played. So what happens is once they get contracts, they will be centrally monitored by National Cricket Academy. The amount of workload, the effort they are putting will be monitored. Imagine, if someone is bowing 50 overs in the Ranji game, at some point the NCA will try to speak to physio or coach or whoever is there about properly looking after the bowlers or how much of rest should be given between games. That is the reason these contracts would have come in," said Prasad.

Wrestling trials 'challenged' in HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

A FEW days after the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) announced dates of selection trials for the Asian Championships and Asian Olympic Games Qualifier, protesting wrestlers apparently have moved the Delhi High Court challenging the announcement. The wrestlers — Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and her husband Satyawart Kadian — also sought direction against the WFI's move terming it illegal.

The Sanjay Kumar Singh-led WFI announced that the trials will be held at the IG Stadium in New Delhi on March 10 and 11. Buoyed by the decision of the world body, United World Wrestling (UWW), to lift its suspension, the WFI said that the opening day of the trials will see competitions in 17 Olympic weight categories (except 53kg in women's wrestling wherein Antim Panghal has already earned an Olympic quota for the country) while the second and last day will witness competitions in the remaining weight categories.

It is learnt that trials in 53kg will be held on the last day and the winner of the same will represent the country in the Asian Championships. While the winners of the Olympic weight categories will compete in the Asian Olympic Games Qualifier, they along with winners in non-Olympic weight categories will represent the country in the continental championships. The continental event is scheduled in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan from April 11 to 16 while the Olympic Qualifier is in the same city from April 19 to 21.

"We have learnt that the protesting wrestlers have moved the Delhi High Court in their attempt to get a stay on the trials. The WFI sent special invitations to these wrestlers as the federation wants the wrestling activities to resume in the country. But they didn't respond to our invitations. Instead, they preferred to file a petition in court. As the WFI is being recognised by the UWW, we are confident that only the federation can send entries for international events being held by the world body," a WFI source told this daily.

Meanwhile, Bajrang, who is training in Russia, didn't respond to a query sent to him in this regard but told a news agency that he won't compete in the trials if they are conducted by the Sanjay Singh-led WFI. "I would not spend ₹30 lakh on my training if I were to not compete in the trials, but how the suspended WFI is conducting the trials? I don't get what the government's compulsion is (on allowing WFI to conduct trials)?" Bajrang told the news agency. "I don't understand how a sports body suspended by the Indian government issues a circular and announces the trials. Why is the government silent? We will appear in the trials only if the ad-hoc panel or the government conducts it. How can a suspended body announce the trials?" he asked.

The Tokyo Olympic bronze medallist also said that the decision to skip the trials was jointly taken by him, Vinesh and Sakshi.

Conversations with friends: How Harris helped unlock Navgire

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

IN the first-ever game for the UP Warriorz in the Women's Premier League last season, the cricketing world witnessed something special. While chasing 170 for the win and losing a few early wickets, Kiran Navgire kept them in the contest with a half-century. And just as it looked like UP were back in the game, Navgire fell. Then with 82 runs needed in 42 balls, DY Patil Stadium witnessed the 'Grace Harris Storm' as the Australian turned the tide with an unbeaten 59 runs off just 26 balls to take UP home when everyone had counted them out.

"I was gobsmacked that day," Navgire still has goosebumps remembering that day. "When we came back to the hotel from that game, I asked her if I could have 15 minutes of her time. I wanted to know what was going through her head when she was batting and how on earth she managed that chase. We spoke a lot that day. She told me how she did it. How did she read those conditions to make her game work? How she planned it. She told me that if there is a good ball, you have to respect it and take a single. If you are at the crease you should aim to finish the match with a calm head. If I hadn't talked with her that day, maybe I would have never learned it. It became part of my thinking process," Navgire got candid speaking about the conversation.

"One cannot hit six every ball, but we can at least take a single, right? I knew all of this before, I re-learned it all through experience once again," she added.

Kiran Navgire of UP Warriorz hit 31-ball 57 against Mumbai Indians | VINOD KUMAR T

THURSDAY'S RESULT

Brief scores: Delhi Capitals 194/5 in 20 ovs (Shafali 50, Capsey 46, Jonassen 36 n.o; Devine 2/23) **bt** Royal Challenges Bangalore 169/9 in 20 ovs (Mandhana 74, Meghana 36, Jonassen 3/21).

The Maharashtra batter worked on everything she learned in the first season to truly make it part of her routine in the off-season and her coach witnessed these changes up and close. "Before the season, most of her practice included the ones with match scenarios," Gulzar Shaikh, Navgire's long-time coach, told this daily. So when the opportunity walked in to set a foundation for UP against the defending champions, Mumbai Indians, Navgire took it with both hands. to score a half century.

Harris was probably the happiest person at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Wednesday. "That's the best I've seen Kiran hit," she told broadcasters. After all, she has witnessed the game transformation up and close. "Kiran is a very talented player," Harris told this daily.

"I just tried to simplify her game to get the best out of her skill set," one can sense why Navgire rated the conversations with Harris so high. "Sometimes players miss and they might lean into thinking 'I am a bad player.' But you are not a bad player, you just played a bad shot. There is a difference."

With positive affirmations like that Navgire helped UP win their by seven wickets.

First-innings lead vital: Pradosh ahead of Ranji SF

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

TAMIL NADU after a long time have made it to the semifinals of the Ranji Trophy where they will take on Mumbai in their backyard at Bandra Kurla Complex on Saturday. In a knock-out game and in particular the semifinals it is imperative for teams to take a lead. A first-innings lead has always helped a lot of teams to reach the final of the most prized trophy in the country.

Here the middle order of any side plays a crucial role. If one looks at Tamil Nadu, B Indrajith, Pradosh Ranjan Paul and Vijay Shankar have played a vital role so far to help them reach the semifinals. The availability of Washington Sundar has only bolstered their middle order.

''We are in good space of mind. We are preparing in earnest and confident of a good show against Mumbai. We will definitely carry forward the momentum of our win against Saurashtra in the quarterfinal,'' said Tamil Nadu middle order batter Pradosh Ranjan Paul.

Apart from a strong middle order, Tamil Nadu have batting depth as well with bowlers also chipping in with important runs. ''We are aware that in a knock-out game in particular the semis, the first innings lead is vital for a win. We will play to our strengths and try and ensure that we get a good lead. We are in a relaxed state of mind, we just wish to continue the good work that we have done,'' added Pradosh.

Pradosh will have a vital role to play in the middle order. Once set this southpaw can get a big hundred. He has the technique and skill to play a marathon innings. ''Absolutely (I am) under no pressure. Just want to go out there and express myself. I will play my natural game to the merit of the ball and try to be as useful as possible for the side. I never look at the scoreboard. I am keen to play as many balls as possible and do not count the runs.''

So far Indrajith, Vijay Shankar and Pradosh have been involved in big and vital stands. On Saturday Tamil Nadu will look at the trio and Washington to forge big partnerships. ''Yes, we need to have a couple of century stands going which is very important. Whoever is in the zone at that point in time must capitalise on it. I am comfortable playing with anyone as I have a good understanding with all of them. We know how to complement each other and also have the ability to increase the tempo as per the situation demands like we did against Karnataka,'' said Pradosh.

Mumbai have some experienced seamers and spinners in its ranks. Shreyas Iyer too will be keen to prove a point especially after after losing the BCCI central contract. ''We are not bothered (Shreyas Iyer's eagerness to prove a point). All we would like to play is fearless cricket that we have been doing so far,'' signed off Pradosh.

EXPRESS READ

Puneri Paltan to face Haryana Steelers in final

HYDERABAD: The stage is set for the grand finale as Puneri Paltan and Haryana Steelers lock horns in the Pro Kabaddi League Season 10 final here. Puneri Paltan will have their full contingent of players when they take the mat for a second straight final. It will be another chance to win their first PKL trophy. They have proven their credentials as worthy finalists after topping the league table with record points. Led by Jaideep Dahiya, the Haryana Steelers have a young breed of players who have worked hard to earn their spot in the final.

Pragg commits blunder, loses 2nd-round match

PRAGUE: Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa committed a time-pressure blunder as he suffered defeat at the hands of Parham Maghsoodloo of Iran in the second round of Prague Masters Chess tournament here. The defeat ended Praggnanandhaa's impressive 47-game unbeaten streak in Classical Chess. The 18-year-old Praggnanandhaa also lost the top ranking in live ratings among Indians — a spot reclaimed by the legendary Viswanathan Anand who is also the brand ambassador of this event.

Manipur enter Santosh Trophy quarterfinals

YUPIA (ARUNACHAL PRADESH): Manipur booked the quarterfinals spot in the National Football Championships for the Santosh Trophy with a 4-1 win against Mizoram here on Thursday. Philam Sanathoi Meetei (35th, 90th minutes), Leimajam Sangkar Singh (8th) and substitute Pebam Renedy Singh (56th) scored for Manipur while Malsawmzuala Tlangte (84th) pulled one back for Mizoram. Manipur, thus, remained at the top of Group B with 10 points.

FA CUP

United versus Liverpool in quarterfinals

AGENCIES @ London

MANCHESTER United will host Liverpool in an FA Cup quarterfinal blockbuster after the bitter rivals took contrasting routes to their fifth round victories on Wednesday.

United eased the pressure on beleaguered boss Erik ten Hag as they scraped through with a 1-0 win at Nottingham Forest thanks to Casemiro's late goal.

Fresh from their League Cup final triumph against Chelsea on Sunday, Liverpool relied on their youngsters again in a 3-0 win against second tier Southampton at Anfield.

Chelsea bounced back from their painful 1-0 defeat to Liverpool at Wembley, snatching a 3-2 win against Championship promotion chasers Leeds to book a last eight date with Leicester.

After Liverpool's ball boys paraded the League Cup around Anfield prior to kick-off, Jurgen Klopp's kids gave another glimpse into a bright future as two of their young guns inspired the win.

Wednesday's 5th-round results: Chelsea 3-2 Leeds; Nottingham Forest 0-1 Manchester United; Wolves 1-0 Brighton; Liverpool 3-0 Southampton.

League leaders Odisha recover from early setback to down East Bengal

AGENCIES @ Bhubaneswar

ODISHA FC built distance at the top of the table with a 2-1 comeback victory against East Bengal FC at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar in the Indian Super League (ISL) on Thursday

The Juggernauts were tied on points with second-placed Mumbai City FC ahead of this match. However, they are now at 35 points from 17 games and keep hold of their first spot in the standings after two successive draws against FC Goa and Mohun Bagan Super Giant in the build-up to this match.

The sailing wasn't smooth for the home side though, with East Bengal FC winger Vishnu Puthiya making heads turn by notching the fastest goal by any player in the current season to break the deadlock in the 33rd second of the match.

Right after the kick-off, Vishnu went dazzling down the right flank, picking the ball on the edge of the box, cutting into the middle, beating Jerry Lalrinzuala and outmanoeuvreing Carlos Delgado before launching an instinctive shot beyond Odisha goalkeeper Amrinder Singh to put his side ahead early on in the contest. East Bengal had a fantastic chance to sustain the pressure secured through this early lead. However, their influence in the proceedings began waning as Odisha recovered from the early setback by playing to their strengths, with the striking duo of Roy Krishna and Diego Mauricio sustaining pressure up front and capitalising on their prowess from set pieces.

Action from the match between Odisha FC & East Bengal | SHAMIM QURESHY

Mauricio had a shot from outside of the box swirling over the post in the 14th minute. Later, his tricky footwork helped him earn a spot-kick as fullback Mohammad Rakip challenged to recover possession in the 38th minute. Mauricio drilled the ball powerfully at the top right corner to find the equaliser, bagging his seventh goal of the campaign. That momentum carried on for the Juggernauts in the second essay of the game, and it was Ahmed Jahouh who swung into the thick of things. He equalled his teammate Krishna to become the player to assist the second-most number of goals (24) after Hugo Boumous (32) in the history of the competition.

All of this came courtesy of a corner kick in the 61st minute, with Ahmed's delivery landing in the path of former Goa star Princeton Rebello, who found the back of the net.

The government said it has started Bharat Startup Ecosystem Registry to create a comprehensive database with details about all the startup ecosystem stakeholders under one roof across different categories

KNOW TRAI'S RECOMMENDATION FOR CALLER ID FEATURES

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) recently released its recommendations on the introduction of Calling Name Presentation (CNAP) service, or in simple terms a caller ID feature. After its approval from the Department of Telecommunications, people will be able to see the names of callers on their mobile phones. The name CNAP will display is the same name provided in the customer application form. So, the big question is how will it be different from Truecaller or any other caller ID features. The government says it will display the real name (the name the customer provided to telecom service providers for obtaining the number).

Major recommendations

The first thing TRAI stated in its recommendation is that CNAP is not a must-have feature but supplementary. One can only access this feature after making a request to their respective telecom service providers. All service providers must provide the CNAP service to their subscribers upon request. Subscriber entities holding bulk connections and business connections should be provided with the facility to present their 'preferred name' instead of the name appearing in the customer application form. The name identity information provided by telephone subscribers in the application form should be utilised for CNAP purposes. After acceptance of the recommendations, the government should issue appropriate instructions to ensure the CNAP feature is made available in all devices sold in India after a suitable cut-off date.

XPLAINER

Why do we need these features?

In response to the query regarding the necessity of introducing Calling Name Presentation (CNAP) supplementary service in Indian telecommunication networks, stakeholders have provided varied perspectives. They said it would facilitate the tracing of problematic calls, discourage obscene callers, and minimize incidents of impersonation or fraudulent activities. Moreover, it will also combat online frauds thereby safeguarding consumers' financial information. It would also benefit legitimate businesses and genuine callers by increasing call answer rates, thereby potentially boosting conversion rates, increasing profits, and reducing costs. However, some stakeholders propose an opt-in, consent-based framework for CNAP implementation, ensuring that consumers who do not wish to share their names can opt out of receiving CNAP supplementary service.

Does it have privacy concern?

Many stakeholders express concerns that CNAP could potentially infringe upon individuals' privacy rights, warranting caution before its introduction. Some stakeholders argue that CNAP could violate individuals' privacy rights by revealing the caller's name to the receiver without the caller's consent. They suggest that comprehensive privacy laws should be established in India before considering the implementation of CNAP. A few stakeholders mention that third-party apps like Truecaller effectively address customer concerns by providing information on callers, including whether they are spammers. Therefore, stakeholders question the additional benefits of implementing CNAP, which could increase regulatory burden and costs for telecom service providers. Instead, they advocate for improvements in anti-spam regulation.

Technical challenges

The stakeholders have highlighted technical challenges associated with CNAP. They stated that CNAP is primarily an LTE feature, and there are no established standards for its implementation over 2G and 3G networks. Legacy network nodes supporting 2G/3G are nearing end-of-life. Replacing these nodes would entail significant costs, estimated to be around ₹100 crore.

INDIAN RESEARCHERS' AI MODEL

GARBHINI-GA2 COULD REDUCE BIRTH RISK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

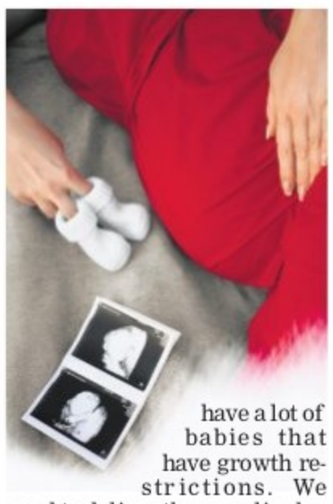
INDIAN researchers have developed an artificial intelligence (AI)-based model to accurately predict the duration of pregnancy or gestational period of a foetus in the second and third trimester. This model, GARBH-Ini, could reduce errors by as much as three times compared to other existing models programmed in ultrasound devices.

Accurate pregnancy dating is essential for effective antenatal care. However, finding the age of the foetus can be challenging, especially when mothers reach the hospital after the first 12 weeks. But GARBH-Ini, which is based on genetic algorithms, can work wonders on this front, says a new Lancet study.

Backed by the Union government's Department of Biotechnology, the GARBH-Ini program (Interdisciplinary Group for Advanced Research on BirtH Outcomes DBT India Initiative) is focused on research on birth outcomes, jointly conducted by IIT Madras and Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, Faridabad.

The researchers used genetic algorithm-based methods to develop the Garbhini-GA2 model, which could estimate the pregnancy dates of Indian women in the second and third trimester much better than currently available models.

The model is trained on sample data from a cohort from Gurugram Civil Hospital in Haryana and Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi and independently validated at Christian Medical College in Vellore. Dr Anne George Cherian, professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Christian Medical College in Vellore, and one of the authors of the Lancet paper, said gestation age plays an important role in predicting the wellbeing of the foetus. "In India, we tend to



have a lot of babies that have growth restrictions. We need to deliver them earlier because they don't tolerate the labour," she added. She mentioned that many women in India visit the doctor after the first trimester, which makes it hard to predict gestational age. The existing Hadlock formula to calculate the foetal stats are based on samples for white population from North America. The gestation age deduced from the Hadlock formula could differ up to three weeks. "We don't want to induce a lady without knowing her accurate gestation period," Dr Anne said.

Dr Himanshu Sinha, coordinator at the Centre for Integrative Biology and Systems Medicine at IIT Madras, who has also led data science for this research, said the model is based on AI/ML works by optimising genetic mutations to reach accuracy. Apart from helping neonatal care, it also helps accurate epidemiological estimates. Dr Sinha said they are using advanced data science and artificial intelligence and machine learning models to predict birth outcomes.

About 30% of pregnant women in India come for their first visit after the first trimester, according to the latest National Family Health Survey.

Elaborating on the model, Dr Sinha said the GARBH-Ini GA-2 is based on genetic algorithms. A genetic algorithm is an optimisation technique inspired by evolution and natural selection principles. "After multiple rounds of mutations, the genetic algorithm comes to a point where no further improvement can be done in the estimation and repeat the process multiple times. Then, we take the top performing formula," he said.

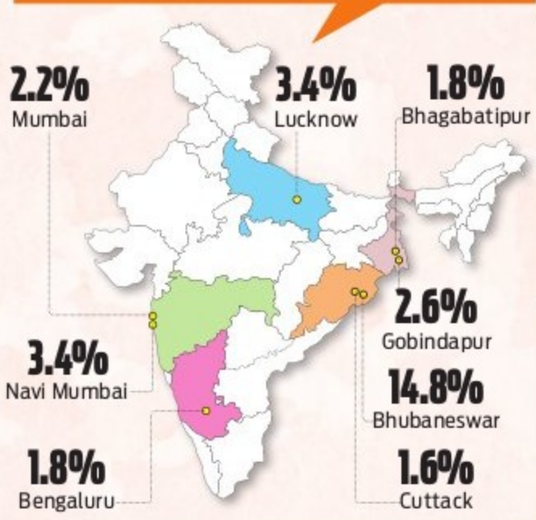
Dr Sinha said the data for the model comes from the northern part of the country and has been validated at hospitals in the south. The research team plans to further validate the results across different cohorts with tests in different parts of India over two years. It will be set up in Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Puducherry, Maharashtra, Gujarat and a few places in central parts of the country. He said the model will be improved further and the ultimate end goal is to embed it in ultrasound machines used in the country.

Money mule scams: What is it and how to prevent it?

The Indian banking sector has been grappling with the issue of mule accounts, which are essentially bank accounts that receive funds from illegal activities and then transfer them elsewhere, used for money laundering. Recently in Bengaluru, individuals operating 126 mule accounts linked to various cybercrimes across India were arrested. Here's how to detect mule accounts:

THE FIRST CONNECTION TYPICALLY TAKES PLACE IN INDIA. BHUBANESWAR HAS THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF ACTIVITY.

LOCATIONS IN INDIA



Just 25-30 days after the first connection, it observed a drastic change in where sessions take place, with India accounting for just 19% of sessions, of which 16% were via VPN (virtual private network) services, indicating that not all might truly be India-based.

City	Percentage	Percentage using VPN services
India	86%	0.7%
Sri Lanka	2.7%	0%
Hong Kong	2.2%	37%

Origin of first session

Origin of sessions after 25-30 days

City	Percentage	Percentage using VPN services
UAE	25%	0.0%
Singapore	23.8%	5.6%
India	19.4%	16.1%

Spotting a Money Mule Scam

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS

1. **Unexpected Contact:** Treat unexpected communications, especially those offering lucrative, effortless jobs, with skepticism.
2. **Vague Job Descriptions:** Be wary of job offers with ambiguous descriptions and responsibilities, particularly if money transfers are involved.
3. **Rushed Process:** Scammers often pressure you into making swift decisions, such as hurriedly confirming your identity or claiming a reward. Pause and scrutinize the demands carefully.
4. **Unusual Payment Methods:** If you're solicited to use unconventional payment methods, such as gift cards or virtual currency, be very cautious.
5. **Too Good to Be True:** Unrealistically high payment for straightforward tasks should raise alarms.

Robots reshape retail industry

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IN a paradigm shift in the way the retail industry functions, businessmen are increasingly using robotics technology for both customer-facing and back-end operations. Smart robots are now used for inventory management, cleaning, and even functioning as shopping assistants.

According to a report titled Future of Retail: Profitable Growth Through Technology and AI, released by Deloitte and the Retailers Association of India, several key trends are catalysing the adoption of emerging disruptive technologies, such as artificial intelligence, internet of things, smart robotics, mixed reality and advanced analytics.

These trends are reshaping the industry, offering opportunities for businesses to enhance their operational efficiency and customer experience. When customers purchase, these technologies help in providing better store experience and enhance security and fraud detection.

Retailers use AI and advanced analytics to provide personalised shopping experiences. AI algorithms analyse customer data to tailor product recommendations, marketing messages, and even in-store experiences. This trend is driven by the growing consumer expectation for personalised and seamless shopping experiences both online and in physical stores, according to the report.

By 2025, about 20% top global retailers will use distributed AI systems to achieve holistic results, revolutionising sales, marketing, supply chains, and operations, and around 45% marketing leaders plan to invest in GenAI in the next 12-24 months.

The digital revolution has transformed retail into 'phygital' or omnichannel experiences, disrupting traditional models where brands are using technology to enhance customer experiences and garner greater return on investment.

India has emerged as a powerhouse in the digital realm, ranking second globally in internet users with 830 million and 750 million smartphone users. With 220 million online shoppers, India holds the third position globally, and the consumer market has a strong affinity for innovative technologies, and their widespread usage has catalysed increased investment, product development, and technological advancements in retail sector.

Use cases of AI in retail

Predictive recommendations: AI analyses customer data to suggest relevant products and provide personalised evaluation and suggestions, boosting conversion rates and average order value.

Conversational commerce: AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants offer 24/7 support, answer product questions, and facilitate purchases. Picture-browsing products and placing orders through voice commands will make online shopping even more accessible.

Predictive analytics: AI forecasts future trends and customer behaviour, helping tailor marketing campaigns and optimise resource allocation. A global food & beverage company uses AI with end-to-end analytics to deepen customer collaboration, improve product assortment, and enhance promotion effectiveness.

TECHNOLOGY BUZZ

Adobe teases Gen AI tools for audio generation, editing

Adobe Research, part of Adobe, has shown a glimpse of its new tool designed to create and edit custom audio and music. Called 'Project Music GenAI Control' it allows creators to generate music from text prompts, and then have fine-grained control to edit that audio for their needs. "It helps people craft music for their projects, whether they're broadcasters, or podcasters, or anyone else who needs audio that's just the right mood, tone, and length," said Nicholas Bryan, Senior Research Scientist at Adobe Research and one of the creators of the technologies in a blogpost. Users can give a simple text prompt like "powerful rock," "happy dance," or "sad jazz" to generate music and it is done. As the user interface is simple, users can adjust the tempo, structure and repeating patterns of a piece of music, based on a reference melody. It can increase and decrease the audio's intensity, extend the length of a clip, re-mix a section or generate a repeatable loop.

Apple's longtime secret electric car project roll out abandoned

Apple has decided to shut operation of its much talked about electric car roll out. Despite numerous reports and excitement it created, the project was kept a secret for a long time. The company now plans to focus on generative artificial intelligence and move many employees to Gen AI and while few others will be laid off, according to reports. Apple's decision also coincides with the dire outlook for autonomous cars and electric vehicles. Investments in autonomous vehicles are being pulled back amid regulatory issues and adverse incidents of robocars. Experts are of the view that Apple is better off focusing on its strength—consumer technologies. Apple made the disclosure internally on Tuesday, surprising the nearly 2,000 employees working on the project, according to a report. The decision to shut the project that was called Project Titan, in which the company spent multi billion-dollars since it started working on a car around 2014. Apple looked at fully autonomous electric vehicles.

Oppo releases slim F25 Pro with proprietary algorithm

Chinese smartphone maker Oppo released its new model—F25 Pro, which has a slim body, sleek design features and weighs 177 grams. It has a 6.7 inch screen and around 90% screen-to-body ratio. The model will be available for sale from this month. It has an AMOLED display, 120Hz refresh rate, HDR10+ 1100 nits (peak). Oppo F25 Pro is powered by Android 14 and packs with Mediatek Dimensity 7050 (6 nanometer chipset). The model sports a 64 megapixel triple camera, 4k videos, 4k quality front and back. It has RAM of 8 GB and 128 GB of storage capacity, expandable upto 256 GB storage. The battery is modest with 67W fast charging, which takes 48 minutes at least, for 100 per cent charging. The Chinese smartphone has 'proprietary algorithms' to identify and remove blemishes such as spots, acne, and acne marks, the company claims. Its artificial intelligence-based editing feature minimises pores while preserving the original features, the company claimed.

WhatsApp introduces 'search by date' for retrieving old messages

WhatsApp announced its "search by date" feature, which can help you search old messages by date. The feature is introduced for both individual and group chats on Android devices. While this functionality has already been available on other platforms such as iOS, Mac desktop, and WhatsApp Web, it is now being extended to Android users. Mark Zuckerberg made the announcement through his WhatsApp channel, sharing a video demo of the new feature as he searched for an old karaoke-video in a chat. Notably, users can now search for chats on a specific date without the option to specify a date range. To utilise this feature, users need to tap individual chat or group chat. Subsequently, to get a date-specific search, they should tap the search button and then select the calendar icon. This has been a useful addition for the staple personal communication app in India and in many other parts of the world. Earlier, users need to scroll all the way back to old chats dating years, making it cumbersome.